

House Resolution

A resolution designating September 2022 as "Childhood and Adolescent Cancer Awareness Month" in Florida.

WHEREAS, each year, more than 15,000 children and adolescents in the United States are diagnosed with cancer, and 1 in 300 children and adolescents will be diagnosed with cancer by 20 years of age, and

WHEREAS, childhood and adolescent cancer occurs regularly and randomly and does not distinguish between ethnic groups, socioeconomic class, or geographic region, and

WHEREAS, as of 2014, there were approximately 420,000 survivors of childhood and adolescent cancer in the United States, and

WHEREAS, cancer is the leading cause of death by disease after infancy for children and adolescents in the United States, and

WHEREAS, each year, hundreds of children and adolescents in the state are battling against cancer, many of whom will suffer from the long-term effects of comprehensive treatment, including secondary cancers, which also impacts their parents, grandparents, friends, neighbors, and communities, and

WHEREAS, as many as two-thirds of childhood and adolescent cancer patients will experience late-term effects of

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25 chemotherapy or radiation, which may persist or develop 5 years  
 26 after the cancer diagnosis, and

27 WHEREAS, as a result of greater treatment options, the 5-  
 28 year relative survival rate for childhood and adolescent cancer  
 29 is higher than 80 percent, with survival rates varying based on  
 30 the type of cancer and the age of the patient, and

31 WHEREAS, many health care professionals, researchers,  
 32 private philanthropies, and social support organizations are  
 33 dedicated to helping children and their families by offering  
 34 social, emotional, spiritual, educational, and financial support  
 35 and are committed to generating a greater understanding of  
 36 childhood and adolescent cancer and providing assistance to the  
 37 children and families affected by the disease, NOW, THEREFORE,

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 39 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
 40 Florida:

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 42 That September 2022 is designated as "Childhood and  
 43 Adolescent Cancer Awareness Month" in Florida to raise awareness  
 44 of childhood and adolescent cancer, including the late-term  
 45 effects of the treatment of childhood and adolescent cancer  
 46 survivors and the need for early detection, immediate care, and  
 47 advanced research.