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House Resolution

A resolution designating September 2025 as "Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month" in Florida.

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

WHEREAS, the goal of Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month is to raise awareness for those children and adolescents suffering from cancer and to increase support for continued research and increases in funding for such research, and

WHEREAS, advocacy organizations across the United States host events and display gold ribbons to bring attention to those children and adolescents suffering from cancer and to advocate for continued research in the fight against pediatric cancer, and

WHEREAS, such events unite persons from many different backgrounds and cultures through the sharing of stories and advocacy for ongoing efforts to find new treatments and to encourage the additional allocation of funding for pediatric cancer research, and

WHEREAS, the state's pediatric cancer diagnoses are outgrowing the state's pediatric population with over 1,000 new cases of pediatric cancer per year in Florida, and

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25 WHEREAS, with the growing cases of pediatric cancer, the
26 most common types occurring in children and adolescents are
27 Leukemia, brain and spinal cord tumors, Neuroblastoma, Wilms
28 tumor, Lymphoma, including both Hodgkin and non-Hodgkin
29 Lymphoma, Rhabdomyosarcoma, Retinoblastoma, and bone cancer,
30 including Osteosarcoma and Ewing Sarcoma, which are different
31 from the most common types of cancer for adults, and

32 WHEREAS, children actively battling cancer, childhood
33 cancer survivors, children who have passed away from cancer, and
34 the many clinicians, health care providers, researchers, and
35 caregivers, including parents and siblings, who are dedicated to
36 serving and improving the lives of children and adolescents with
37 cancer are recognized for their strength, perseverance, and
38 dedication, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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43 That September 2025 is designated as "Pediatric Cancer
44 Awareness Month" in Florida.