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## House Resolution

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

WHEREAS, almost 15,000 children are diagnosed with cancer in the United States each year, and

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

WHEREAS, approximately 9,600 children are diagnosed aged 0-14 and 5,300 adolescents aged 15-19 as of 2024, and there are roughly 500,000 survivors of childhood and adolescent cancer in the United States, and

WHEREAS, each year, many children in Florida face a cancer diagnosis which impacts parents, grandparents, loved ones, friends, neighbors, and communities, and

WHEREAS, many infants, children, and teens suffer from the long-term effects of comprehensive treatment, including secondary cancers, and as many as two-thirds of childhood cancer patients will experience late effects of chemotherapy or radiation, which may persist or develop five years after diagnosis, and

WHEREAS, although the incidence of childhood cancer has been rising slightly in recent decades, survival rates continue to improve as a result of improved treatment options, and

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26           WHEREAS, the 5-year relative survival rate for childhood  
27 cancer is higher than 80 percent; however, survival rates may  
28 vary based on the type of cancer and the age of the patient, and

29           WHEREAS, Childhood Cancer Awareness Month serves as a  
30 valuable opportunity to raise awareness of childhood cancer,  
31 including the late effects of cancer treatment on childhood  
32 cancer survivors and the need for early detection, immediate  
33 care, and advanced research, and

34           WHEREAS, many health care professionals, researchers,  
35 private philanthropies, and social support organizations are  
36 dedicated to helping children and their families by offering  
37 social, emotional, spiritual, educational, and financial  
38 support, and these groups and institutions are committed to  
39 generating a greater understanding of childhood cancer and  
40 providing assistance to those families affected by the disease,  
41 NOW, THEREFORE,

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43 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
44 Florida:

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46           That September 2025 is designated as "Childhood Cancer  
47 Awareness Month" in Florida.