

1 House Resolution

2 A resolution designating September 2026 as "Childhood
3 Cancer Awareness Month" in Florida.

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

7 WHEREAS, approximately 50 children are diagnosed with
8 cancer each day and as of 2023 there are roughly 500,000
9 survivors of childhood and adolescent cancer in the United
10 States, and

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

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

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

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

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26 WHEREAS, Childhood Cancer Awareness Month serves as a
27 valuable opportunity to raise awareness of childhood cancer,
28 including the late effects of cancer treatment on childhood
29 cancer survivors and the need for early detection, immediate
30 care, and advanced research, 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 these groups and institutions are committed to generating a
36 greater understanding of childhood cancer and providing
37 assistance to those families affected by the disease,, NOW,
38 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 2026 is designated as "Childhood Cancer
44 Awareness Month" in Florida.