



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

- Whereas:** Pediatric cancer is the leading cause of death by disease in children; and
- Whereas:** One in 285 children in the United States will be diagnosed with some form of cancer by their 20th birthday; and
- Whereas:** 80 percent of childhood cancer cases are diagnosed only after the disease has metastasized and spread to other parts of the body; and
- Whereas:** Two-thirds of childhood cancer patients will have long-lasting chronic conditions as a result of the treatment they go through; and
- Whereas:** There has been a 24 percent increase in pediatric cancer cases over the last 40 years, equal to 43 children per day, or 15,780 children a year, diagnosed with cancer in the U.S.; and
- Whereas:** The National Cancer Institute recognized the unique research needs of childhood cancer and increased funding to conduct this research; and
- Whereas:** Researchers and healthcare professionals work diligently to dedicate their expertise to treat and cure children with cancer; and
- Whereas:** Too many children are affected by this deadly disease and more must be done to raise awareness and find a cure for all childhood cancers.

Now, therefore, I, Lynne Robinson, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of **September 2020** as:

CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

and encourage all people in Bellevue to join me in this special observance.

Lynne Robinson, Mayor
City of Bellevue