

1           A RESOLUTION recognizing September 2024 as Childhood Cancer Awareness  
2 Month.

3           WHEREAS, childhood cancer is the leading cause of death by disease in children;  
4 and

5           WHEREAS, one in 285 children in the United States will be diagnosed with cancer  
6 by their 20th birthday; and

7           WHEREAS, 46 children per day, or 16,790 children per year, are diagnosed with  
8 cancer in the United States; and

9           WHEREAS, the average age of diagnosis is six years old; and

10          WHEREAS, Kentucky ranks fourth in the country in the number of children  
11 diagnosed with pediatric brain tumors; and

12          WHEREAS, 80 percent of childhood cancer patients are diagnosed late and with  
13 metastatic disease; and

14          WHEREAS, on average there has been a 0.6 percent increase in the incidence of  
15 childhood cancer per year since the mid 1970s, resulting in an overall incidence increase  
16 of 24 percent over the last 40 years; and

17          WHEREAS, two-thirds of childhood cancer patients will have chronic health  
18 conditions as a result of their treatment toxicity, with one quarter being classified as  
19 severe to life-threatening health conditions; and

20          WHEREAS, many families of children with cancer rate the associated financial  
21 costs due to out-of-pocket expenses as considerable to severe; and

22          WHEREAS, in the last 30 years, only six new drugs have been approved by the  
23 United States Food and Drug Administration to specifically treat childhood cancer; and

24          WHEREAS, the causes of pediatric cancer are still largely unknown, and though  
25 researchers around the world continue to pioneer new therapies and explore the root  
26 causes of the disease, cancer continues to scar families and communities in ways that  
27 may never fully heal; and

1           WHEREAS, families, caregivers, charities, and research groups across the United  
2 States recognize September 2024 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month to spotlight  
3 pediatric cancer and survivor programs and raise awareness and necessary funds for  
4 research and family support; and

5           WHEREAS, in this spirit, the Senate recognizes September 2024 as Childhood  
6 Cancer Awareness Month, and urges all Kentuckians to do everything they can to bring  
7 awareness to this horrible disease and how it impacts the children and families of this  
8 Commonwealth;

9           NOW, THEREFORE,

10 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***  
11 ***Kentucky:***

12           ➔Section 1. The Senate hereby recognizes September 2024 as Childhood Cancer  
13 Awareness Month.

14           ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of those  
15 children in Kentucky suffering from cancer and sends its most heartfelt prayers to their  
16 families.

17           ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this  
18 Resolution to Senator Max Wise.