

RESOLUTION

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August 14, 2024

WHEREAS, **Childhood Cancer Awareness Month** was designated to bring awareness to childhood cancer, which remains the leading cause of death by disease for children under the age of 15; and

WHEREAS, the most common cancer in children is leukemia, a type of blood cancer. Cancer can also occur in organs and tissues such as the lymph nodes (lymphoma), nervous system (brain tumors) and muscles, bone and skin (solid tumors); and

WHEREAS, thanks to advances propelled by cancer research, the cancer death rate has declined by 70 percent among children (from birth to age 14) and 64 percent among adolescents (age 15-19) over the past four decades; and

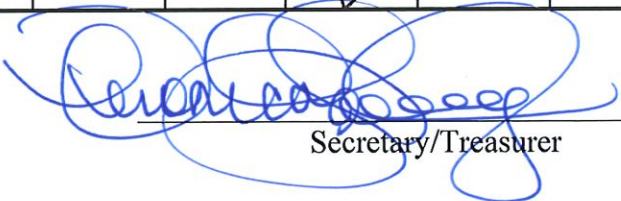
WHEREAS, despite those advances, approximately 9,620 children and 5,290 adolescents are expected to be diagnosed with some form of cancer in 2024 and approximately 1,040 children and 550 adolescents will die from these diseases in 2024, according to estimates from the **American Cancer Society**; and

WHEREAS, a cancer diagnosis of a child turns the lives of the entire family upside down and the noble objective of childhood cancer awareness is to put a spotlight on the types of cancer that largely affect children, survivorship issues and, importantly, to help raise funds for research and family support.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the OCEAN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey does hereby proclaim September 2024 as **National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month** in an effort to recognize the great need to raise support, fund and awareness of childhood cancers and the impact for sufferers and families of sufferers of childhood cancer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the Ocean County Board of Commissioners.

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Ayes	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
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