



CITY OF BELLINGHAM  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
KELLI LINVILLE

## **MAYORAL PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, each year in the United States more than 15,000 children from birth to the age of 19 are diagnosed with cancer, which is approximately 42 childhood cancer diagnoses each day; and

**WHEREAS**, each year worldwide, there are more than 300,000 new childhood cancer diagnoses, equal to about every 3 minutes a family will hear the words 'your child has cancer'; and

**WHEREAS**, although the five-year survival rate for childhood cancers has reached 80 percent, nearly 2,000 American children under the age of 19 still die each year from cancer, making it the leading killer of children by disease; and

**WHEREAS**, those that do survive will face at least one chronic health condition later on in life, not limited to, but including heart, liver, lung damage, infertility, secondary cancers and growth deficits; and

**WHEREAS**, the causes of childhood cancer are largely unknown and more studies are needed to understand treatments that work best for children; and

**WHEREAS**, cancer treatment for children must differ from traditional adult treatments to take into account children's developmental needs and other factors; and

**WHEREAS**, Bellingham is a caring community that supports children and families.

**NOW, THEREFORE, DO I**, Kelli Linville, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, proclaim September 2018

### **CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

in the City of Bellingham, Washington.

Signed this 5<sup>th</sup> of September, 2018



Kelli Linville, Mayor  
City of Bellingham