



CITY OF BELLINGHAM  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
SETH FLEETWOOD

## MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, pediatric cancer is the leading cause of death by disease in children; and

**WHEREAS**, 1-in-285 children in the United States will be diagnosed by their 20<sup>th</sup> 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 twenty-four percent increase in pediatric cancer cases over the last forty years, equal to forty-three children per day or 15,780 children a year diagnosed with cancer in the United States; 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, DO I**, Seth Fleetwood, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, proclaim September 2020

### CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Bellingham, Washington.

Signed this 14th of July, 2020



Seth Fleetwood, Mayor  
City of Bellingham