



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 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 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