



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection report cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among U.S. children between infancy and age 15. This tragic disease is detected in more than 15,000 of our country's young people every year and 43 children are diagnosed with cancer every day. An estimated 400,000 children and adolescents are diagnosed with cancer globally each year; and

WHEREAS, nearly 10% of children with cancer develop the disease because they inherited a genetic mutation.

WHEREAS, one in five of our nation's children loses his or her battle with cancer. Many infants, children and teens will suffer from long-term effects of comprehensive treatment, including secondary cancers; and

WHEREAS, founded nearly thirty years ago by Steven Firestein, a member of the philanthropic Max Factor cosmetics family, the American Cancer Fund for Children, Inc., Kids Cancer Connection, Inc. and Lions Clubs International are dedicated to helping these children and their families; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection provide a variety of vital patient psychosocial services to children undergoing cancer treatment at Seattle Children's Hospital, Mary Bridge Children's Hospital in Tacoma, as well as participating hospitals throughout the country, thereby enhancing the quality of life for these children and their families; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection also sponsor toy distributions, family sailing programs, positive appearance services, pet-assisted therapy, Laughternoon - Laughter is Healing, KCC Supercar Experience, positive appearance programs, educational programs and hospital celebrations in honor of a child's determination and bravery to fight the battle against childhood cancer.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Katherine Ross, Mayor of the City of Snoqualmie, do hereby proclaim September 2023, as

CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in Snoqualmie, Washington and call upon the people of Snoqualmie to learn more about childhood cancers and consider what we can do to support children with cancer and their families.

Katherine Ross, Mayor
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