

**PROCLAMATION
CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
SEPTEMBER 2016**

WHEREAS, Childhood cancer is the number one cause of death from disease among children. Every day, 43 children in the United States are diagnosed with cancer and the average age of diagnosis is 6 years old. Around the world, one child every 2 minutes is diagnosed with cancer; and

WHEREAS, One in every 1,000 eighteen year olds in the United States is a survivor of childhood cancer, as a result of overall cure rates that have risen to 80% over the past 40 years; and

WHEREAS, Only 4% of federal government cancer research funding goes to childhood cancer research; and

WHEREAS, Lifelong follow up care is recommended for all childhood cancer survivors due to the possibility of late side effects associated with treatment; and

WHEREAS, The impact of a childhood cancer diagnosis produces multiple challenges to a family. Children and their families need and deserve the full support of their communities while undergoing treatment; and

WHEREAS, Our community has the opportunity to make a significant impact on the lives of children currently being treated for cancer, childhood cancer survivors and their families;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Troy hereby proclaims **September 2016 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month** in the City of Troy and joins with Beaumont Children's to honor all childhood cancer survivors for their strength and determination; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Troy applaud the hard working doctors, nurses and staff at Beaumont Children's who dedicate their lives caring for children affected by cancer.

Presented this 19th day of September 2016.