



**CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
BECAUSE KIDS CAN'T FIGHT CANCER ALONE**

WHEREAS, 1 in 285 children in the United States will be diagnosed by their 20th birthday; and

WHEREAS, 43 children per day or 15,780 children are diagnosed with cancer annually in the U.S with an average age of diagnosis being 6 years old; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 40,000 children on active treatment at any given time; and

WHEREAS, on average there's been a 0.6 percent increase in incidence per year since the mid 1970's resulting in an overall incidence increase of 24 percent over the last 40 years; and

WHEREAS, two-thirds of childhood cancer patients will have chronic health conditions as a result of their treatment toxicity, with one quarter being classified as severe to life-threatening; and

WHEREAS, approximately one half of childhood cancer families rate the associated financial toxicity due to out-of-pocket expenses as considerable to severe; and

WHEREAS, in the last 20 years only four new drugs have been approved by the FDA to specifically treat childhood cancer; and

WHEREAS, the National Cancer Institute recognizes the unique research needs of childhood cancer and the associated need for increased funding to carry this out; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of non-profit organizations at the local and national level including the American Childhood Cancer Organization are helping children with cancer and their families cope through educational, emotional and financial support; and

WHEREAS, researchers and healthcare professionals work diligently dedicating their expertise to treat and cure children with cancer; and

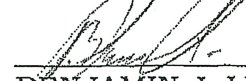
WHEREAS, too many children are affected by this deadly disease and more must be done to raise awareness and find a cure.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor Benjamin J. Lucarelli, do hereby proclaim September 2020 as **Childhood Cancer Awareness Month**.

ATTEST:


ALLYSON M. CINQUEGRANA, RMC/CMR

I, Benjamin J. Lucarelli, hereby set my hand and seal this 14th day of September 2020.


BENJAMIN J. LUCARELLI



We are #BRADYSTRONG!!!