

Office of the Mayor



# Declaration

## Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month

May 2018

**Whereas,** Each year approximately 15,700 children are diagnosed with cancer and 1,977 children die from the disease. Additionally, the number of diagnosed cases in children has not decreased in over 20 years; and

**Whereas,** Brain tumors are the second most common cancers in children and account for about 1 in 4 pediatric cancers. Approximately 4,830 children will be diagnosed with a brain tumor in 2018 and 1,305 will die from the disease; and

**Whereas,** Through conventional treatment options can help slow the progression of cancer, primary brain tumors such as glioblastoma have a poor prognosis and are statistically more frequent in children than adults. Glioblastoma is fatal within two years with treatment, and fatal within weeks without treatment; and

**Whereas,** Childhood cancer survivors must be closely monitored throughout their lifetimes. Treatment options for pediatric brain tumors such as surgery, radiation, and chemotherapy can lead to late effects of treatment.

**Whereas,** Because of the poor prognosis of the disease post-diagnosis, our main goals in the fight against pediatric cancer are to raise awareness and promote preventive measures such as a healthy lifestyle in children; and

**Whereas,** The Om Memorial 5K Run and 1M Walk on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 will raise funds for the Om Foundation through the support and participation of Monroe residents and the surrounding communities; and

**Whereas,** The Om Foundation strives to encourage the prevention of pediatric cancer along with its cure, and promote positivity in the community in honor of Om Parikh, a Monroe Middle School eighth grader who passed away on February 7, 2018 from a brain tumor. Om brought a message of strength and optimism in the face of adversity to his peers.

**NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, that I, GERALD W. TAMBURRO, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, do hereby proclaim May 2018 as Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month in Honor of Om Parikh in the Township of Monroe.**

Dated: April 9, 2018

  
GERALD W. TAMBURRO, MAYOR