

Office of the Mayor



# Proclamation

## CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

September 2023

- Whereas,** families, caregivers, charities and research groups across the United States are observing September as **Childhood Cancer Awareness Month**, to memorialize the young lives that were taken too soon and honor the survivors who face chronic health challenges; and
- Whereas,** childhood cancer is not just one disease, but is made up of a dozen types and countless subtypes of cancer. Childhood cancer spares no socioeconomic, ethnic, racial or geographic class; and
- Whereas,** childhood cancer is one of the leading causes of death among children under 19 years of age, although survival rates for many childhood cancers have risen sharply over the past few decades; and
- Whereas,** two-thirds of childhood cancer patients will develop long-lasting chronic conditions resulting from treatment. Cancer kills more children than AIDS, asthma, cystic fibrosis, diabetes, and muscular dystrophy combined; and
- Whereas,** the Township of Monroe recognizes the devastating effects of childhood cancer on the residents of the State of New Jersey and the Township of Monroe; and
- Whereas,** the concept for Gold in September was created by Annie Bartosz, only 11 years-old at the time, who saw the Nation turn pink for October for Breast Cancer, and became determined to turn the world GOLD IN SEPTEMBER for kids battling cancer.

**NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, that I, STEPHEN DALINA, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, do hereby proclaim September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, and urge all citizens to "Go Gold" in the Township of Monroe.**

Dated: September 1, 2023

  
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Stephen Dalina, Mayor