

# CITY OF LAKEWOOD



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among U.S. children between infancy and age 15, according to the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection report and this tragic disease is detected in more than 16,000 of our country's young people annually with an estimated 400,000 children and adolescents diagnosed with cancer globally each year; and

**WHEREAS**, one in five of our nation's children loses their battle with cancer, while those that survive, including 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 children impacted by cancer 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 and Madigan Army Medical Center on Joint Base Lewis-McChord, as well as participating hospitals throughout the country, thereby enhancing the quality of life for these children and their families; and

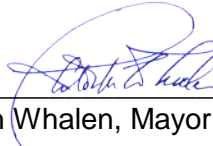
**WHEREAS**, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection also sponsor toy distributions, family sailing programs, positive appearance services, pet-assisted therapy, Laughternoon - Laughter is Healing, KCC Supercar Experience, educational programs and hospital celebrations in honor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

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Lakewood City Council hereby recognizes September 25, 2022 through October 1, 2022 as

### CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS WEEK

in the City of Lakewood and encourages all residents to learn more about childhood cancers and how they can support children with cancer and their families

PROCLAIMED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022.

  
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Jason Whalen, Mayor