

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 137

Senators Geiss, Anthony, Bayer, Brinks, Camilleri, Cavanagh, Chang, Damoose, Irwin, Klinefelt, McCann, McMorrow, Moss, Polehanki, Singh, Webber and Wojno offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to designate September 2024 as Childhood Cancer
2 Awareness Month.

3 Whereas, According to the American Childhood Cancer
4 Organization, an estimated 15,780 children between the ages of
5 birth through 19 are diagnosed with cancer each year; and

6 Whereas, In 2024 alone, an estimated 9,620 new cases have been
7 diagnosed; and

8 Whereas, Our goal is to increase awareness about childhood
9 cancer, which is the leading cause of death by disease for children
10 under the age of 14; and

1 Whereas, We honor the extraordinary resilience, courage, and
2 strength of those who this harmful disease has effected; and

3 Whereas, Children's cancer affects all ethnic, gender, and
4 socio-economic groups; and

5 Whereas, Since the mid-1970s, advancements have been made in
6 the fight against childhood cancer. Due to major treatment strides
7 in recent decades, more than 80 percent of children with cancer now
8 survive five years or more; and

9 Whereas, Increased awareness, support, and research will help
10 to further improve outcomes and protect children from these serious
11 diseases; and

12 Whereas, We must renew our commitment to curing childhood
13 cancer and offer our support to the brave young people who are
14 fighting this disease; and

15 Whereas, To honor the memory of every young person lost to
16 cancer, we must unite behind improved treatment, advanced research
17 and data, and brighter futures for young people; and

18 Whereas, We recognize the amazing strength, perseverance, and
19 optimism of the families and friends of children who suffer from
20 these devastating illnesses; and

21 Whereas, We acknowledge the medical professionals,
22 researchers, and others who dedicate their time to search for new
23 and safer treatments and cures; and

24 Whereas, All children deserve the chance to be healthy and
25 find joy and fulfillment in their childhoods, as they deserve the
26 chance to realize their full potential and grow into adults; now,
27 therefore, be it

28 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
29 body designate September 2024 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.