

MICHIGAN SENATE

Senate Resolution No. 137

Offered by Senators Geiss, Anthony, Bayer, Brinks, Camilleri, Cavanagh, Chang, Damoose, Irwin, Klinefelt, McCann, McMorrow, Moss, Polehanki, Singh, Webber and Wojno

A RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE SEPTEMBER 2024 AS CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

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

WHEREAS, In 2024 alone, an estimated 9,620 new cases have been diagnosed; and

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

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

WHEREAS, Children's cancer affects all ethnic, gender, and socio-economic groups; and

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

WHEREAS, Increased awareness, support, and research will help to further improve outcomes and protect children from these serious diseases; and

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

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the members of this legislative body designate September 2024 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

Adopted by the Senate, September 17, 2024.



Secretary of the Senate