



**SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**Snohomish County, Washington**

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-035**

**RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 2023 AS  
CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

*WHEREAS, childhood cancer is the leading cause of death by disease past infancy for children in the United States; and*

*WHEREAS, approximately 1 in 285 children in the United States will be diagnosed with cancer by their 20<sup>th</sup> birthday; and*

*WHEREAS, 43 children per day or 15,695 children are diagnosed with cancer annually in the United States; and*

*WHEREAS, from the early 1980s to the early 1990s, the incidence of cancer in American children under 10 years of age rose 37 percent, or three percent annually; and*

*WHEREAS, approximately one half of childhood cancer families rate the financial toxicity due to out-of-pocket expenses as considerable to severe; and*

*WHEREAS, only six new drugs have been approved exclusively for childhood cancer in the past three decades; and*

*WHEREAS, researchers and healthcare professionals work diligently dedicating their expertise to treat and cure children with cancer; and*

*WHEREAS, 95% of survivors have significant health issues by age 45 because of cancer or toxicity treatments;*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Snohomish County Council does hereby recognize September 2023, as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in Snohomish County and encourages Snohomish County residents to support this cause that so deeply impacts families in every community.

**APPROVED this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023.**

**Jared Mead**  
Council Chair

**Sam Low**  
Councilmember

**Strom Peterson**  
Councilmember

**Nate Nehring**  
Council Vice-Chair

**Megan Dunn**  
Councilmember

ATTEST:

**Debbie Eco, CMC**  
Clerk of the Council