

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL Snohomish County, Washington

RESOLUTION NO. 24-039

RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 2024 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^{th} birthday; and

WHEREAS, 46 children per day or 15,780 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 burden 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 2024, 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 3rd day of September, 2024.

Jared Mead Council Chair

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ATTEST:

Debbie Eco, CMC Clerk of the Council