



*Office of the Mayor
City of Tukwila, Washington*

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, pediatric cancer is the leading cause of death by disease in children; and

WHEREAS, 1-in-285 children in the United States will be diagnosed with cancer by their 20th birthday; and

WHEREAS, eighty percent of childhood cancer cases are diagnosed only after the disease has metastasized and spread to other parts of the body; and

WHEREAS, two-thirds of childhood cancer patients will have long-lasting chronic conditions as a result of the treatment they go through; and

WHEREAS, there has been a twenty-four percent increase in pediatric cancer cases over the last forty years, equal to forty-three children per day or 15,780 children a year diagnosed with cancer in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the National Cancer Institute recognized the unique research needs of childhood cancer and increased funding to conduct this research; and

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

WHEREAS, too many children are affected by this deadly disease and more must be done to raise awareness and find a cure for all childhood cancers;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Allan Ekberg, Mayor of the City of Tukwila, do hereby proclaim (date) as:

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

in the City of Tukwila and encourage all community members to join me in recognizing this special observance.

Signed this first day of September, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Allan Ekberg". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Allan Ekberg, Mayor