

## Office of the Mayor City of Tukwila, Washington

## **PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among U.S. Children from birth to 15 years of age and every year affects more than 16,000 children and almost 400,000 children and adolescents worldwide; and

WHEREAS, one in five of our nation's children loses his or her battle with cancer, while others may suffer from long-term effects of comprehensive treatment, including secondary cancers; and

WHEREAS, the causes of childhood cancer are largely unknown, and more studies are needed to understand which treatments work best for children; and

WHEREAS, cancer treatment for children often must differ from traditional adult treatments to take into account children's developmental needs and other factors – there are more types/variances of childhood cancers than adult cancers; and

WHEREAS, there are hundreds of children being treated for cancer in Washington State with locations at Seattle Children's Hospital (Seattle), Mary Bridge Hospital (Tacoma) and Shriners Hospitals for Children (Spokane); and

WHEREAS, Washington is a caring state and community that supports children and families;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Allan Ekberg, Mayor of the City of Tukwila, do hereby proclaim September 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, 2022.

Allan Ekberg, Mayor