

City of Albany

Proclamation

IN RECOGNITION OF CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

September 2026

WHEREAS, September is recognized as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, a time to raise awareness of childhood cancer, honor the courage of children and families affected by the disease, remember those whose lives have been lost, and recognize the healthcare professionals, researchers, advocates, and organizations working to improve outcomes for children with cancer; and

WHEREAS, childhood cancer is the leading cause of death from disease among children in the United States beyond the first year of life; and

WHEREAS, approximately 15,000 children and adolescents under the age of 20 are diagnosed with cancer in the United States each year; and

WHEREAS, childhood cancer encompasses many different types and subtypes of cancer, each presenting unique challenges in diagnosis, treatment, and survivorship; and

WHEREAS, children who survive cancer may experience long-term and late effects of their disease and treatment, including chronic health conditions that can affect their health and quality of life for years or even decades; and

WHEREAS, a childhood cancer diagnosis can place significant emotional, practical, and financial burdens on children and their families; and

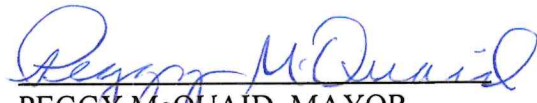
WHEREAS, because childhood cancers are relatively rare and can differ biologically from cancers in adults, specialized research, collaboration, and clinical trials are essential to developing safer and more effective treatments; and

WHEREAS, nonprofit organizations, healthcare professionals, researchers, families, and community members work tirelessly to provide educational, emotional, practical, and financial support to children with cancer and their families and to advance research toward better treatments and cures; and

WHEREAS, too many children and families continue to be affected by this devastating disease, and continued awareness, research, support, and investment are essential to improving outcomes and ensuring that every child with cancer has the opportunity to live a long and healthy life.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Albany City Council recognizes September 2026 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Albany and encourages all members of our community to support children and families affected by childhood cancer and efforts to advance research, treatment, and care for children with cancer.

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PEGGY McQUAID, MAYOR

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