

# PROCLAMATION

## Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

**WHEREAS**, children are our greatest treasures, and their health and well-being is a priority; among the most distressing health concerns today is the high incidence of childhood cancer, which claims too many precious and promising young lives; and

**WHEREAS**, Childhood cancer spares no one, affecting kids from every background; and

**WHEREAS**, Cancer kills more children than asthma, diabetes, cystic fibrosis, and pediatric AIDS combined; and

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that 10,000 children are diagnosed with cancer every year; although rare, pediatric cancer is the leading disease related cause of death among children.

**WHEREAS**, the causes of childhood cancer are largely unknown, research has led to more successful forms of treatment and improvements in the quality of life for children coping with cancer and its side effects; and a larger number of long-term survivors now look forward to longer life expectancies, but unfortunately, many still face challenges or complications due to cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, the toll that cancer takes on a child and family is unimaginable, and usually causes delayed development in a young patient's life, education and growth, while parents cope with high costs, stress and other difficulties associated with caring for their ill child and entire family, often having to travel or relocate to obtain appropriate treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout this month, we take the opportunity to thank the many dedicated healthcare professionals, organizations and parent advocacy groups that support childhood cancer patients and families by offering advice, encouragement, hope, and financial assistance, and that work tirelessly to lift the spirits of children suffering from cancer;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Atchison County Commissioners, Atchison, Kansas, do hereby proclaim September 2021 as

## CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Given under our hand and the Official Seal of the County of Atchison in the State of Kansas, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year 2021.

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Jack Bower, Chairman

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Eric Noll, Commissioner

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Casey Quinn, Commissioner

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michelle Phillips, County Clerk