

**The Council Chambers  
City Hall  
Portsmouth, New Hampshire**

**A Proclamation**

**Whereas:** Cancer is the leading cause of death by disease for American children under the age of 15, with approximately 400,000 children and adolescents – one every 30 seconds -- diagnosed with cancer each year; and

**Whereas:** Childhood Cancer Awareness Month was created in 1999 as a time to celebrate advances in childhood cancer treatment and survivorship care, remember the children we've lost, and engage new advocates to join in the mission of achieving a day when every child diagnosed with cancer can live a long and healthy life; and

**Whereas:** The President of the United States took the opportunity of National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month 2022 to reinvigorate the 2016 "Cancer Moonshot Initiative" to cut the cancer death rate by at least half over the next 25 years and created the first Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health with the single purpose of expediting breakthroughs in the prevention, detection and treatment of deadly diseases; and

**Whereas:** Such local champions of Childhood Cancer Awareness as sixteen-year-old Rye resident Amy Kinstedt and her "Go Gold" campaign and the NH Department of Health and Human Services' online NH Health Wisdom system strive to keep the Seacoast community informed on the latest cancer research and treatment options and encourage education on exposure risk, prevention and early detection as the strongest tools we have in the war on cancer.

Now, therefore, I, Deaglan McEachern, Mayor of the City of Portsmouth, on behalf of the members of the City Council and the citizens of Portsmouth, urge the community to pause and remember the children we have lost to this terrible disease, and work to support the effort to find new therapies to treat and defeat pediatric cancer so children not only survive cancer, but thrive, do hereby proclaim September in Portsmouth as

***Childhood Cancer Awareness Month***



Given with my hand and the  
Seal of the City of Portsmouth,  
on this 19th day of September 2022.

  
Deaglan McEachern, Mayor of Portsmouth