

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

A Proclamation

- Whereas:** September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and advocates, non-profits, health care professionals, researchers, and the families impacted want the people of Portsmouth to understand the stark reality that children facing cancer experience every day; and
- Whereas:** Cancer is the leading cause of death by disease for American children under the age of 15. Approximately 46 children per day or 16,790 children per year are diagnosed with cancer. Over 40,000 children are in treatment; 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:** In 2022 the President of the United States reinvigorated the "Cancer Moonshot Initiative" whose goal is to cut the cancer death rate by half over the next 25 years. However, there have been only four new drugs approved by the FDA in the past two decades to specifically treat childhood cancer; and
- Whereas:** Such local champions of Childhood Cancer Awareness as seventeen-year-old Rye resident Amy Kindstedt and her "Go Gold" campaign, along with 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 5th day of September 2023.

Deaglan McEachern, Mayor of Portsmouth