

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 69

Senators Geiss, Cherry, Moss, Polehanki, Santana, Webber, Anthony, Bayer, Bellino, Brinks, Bumstead, Camilleri, Cavanagh, Chang, Daley, Damoose, Hauck, Hertel, Hoitenga, Huizenga, Irwin, Johnson, Klinefelt, Lauwers, McCann, McDonald Rivet, McMorrow, Nesbitt, Outman, Runestad, Shink, Singh, Theis, Victory and Wojno offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to designate September 2023 as Childhood Cancer
2 Awareness Month.

3 Whereas, According to the American Childhood Cancer
4 Organization, an estimated 15,780 children between the ages of
5 birth through 19 are diagnosed with cancer each year; and

6 Whereas, In 2023 alone, an estimated 9,910 new cases have been
7 diagnosed; and

1 Whereas, Our goal is to increase awareness about childhood
2 cancer, which is the leading cause of death by disease for children
3 under the age of 14; and

4 Whereas, We honor the extraordinary resilience, courage, and
5 strength of those who this harmful disease has effected; and

6 Whereas, Children's cancer affects all ethnic, gender, and
7 socio-economic groups; and

8 Whereas, Since the mid-1970s, advancements have been made in
9 the fight against childhood cancer. Due to major treatment strides
10 in recent decades, more than 80 percent of children with cancer now
11 survive five years or more; and

12 Whereas, Increased awareness, support, and research will help
13 to further improve outcomes and protect children from these serious
14 diseases; and

15 Whereas, We must renew our commitment to curing childhood
16 cancer and offer our support to the brave young people who are
17 fighting this disease; and

18 Whereas, To honor the memory of every young person lost to
19 cancer, we must unite behind improved treatment, advanced research
20 and data, and brighter futures for young people; and

21 Whereas, We recognize the amazing strength, perseverance, and
22 optimism of the families and friends of children who suffer from
23 these devastating illnesses; and

24 Whereas, We acknowledge the medical professionals,
25 researchers, and others who dedicate their time to search for new
26 and safer treatments and cures; and

27 Whereas, All children deserve the chance to be healthy and
28 find joy and fulfillment in their childhoods, as they deserve the
29 chance to realize their full potential and grow into adults; now,

1 therefore, be it

2 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative

3 body designate September 2023 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.