

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among children in the United States and it is estimated this tragic disease will be detected annually in approximately 15,780 of our nation's young people between birth and nineteen years of age; and

WHEREAS, childhood cancer, also known as pediatric cancer, occurs randomly and affects every ethnic group, socioeconomic class and geographic region, and it is the leading cause of death by disease among children in the United States; and

WHEREAS, childhood cancer is made up of a dozen types of cancer, with over 100 subtypes that include neuroblastoma, Wilms tumors, brain and nervous system tumors, retinoblastoma, bone cancers, and leukemia which accounts for nearly one-third of all pediatric cancers; these cancers are often very different than those that affect adults; and

WHEREAS, although the causes of pediatric cancers are largely unknown, major treatment advances in recent years have resulted in cures and long-term remissions, and it is estimated that the milestone five-year survival rate for children has improved to more than eighty-four percent; and

WHEREAS, children are our most precious resource and the Tampa, Florida area is fortunate to have many businesses, organizations and foundations within our community committed to raising awareness and funds to assist in the research and treatment of children afflicted with cancer, and Childhood Cancer Awareness Month was established to celebrate advances in childhood cancer treatment and care, to honor the children we have lost to cancer, and to bring awareness and engage new advocates to join in the mission of achieving a day when every child with cancer can live a long and healthy life; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa is honored to join in efforts by dedicated local organizations committed to assisting those affected by this disease including the 1 Voice Foundation whose mission is to serve the needs of pediatric cancer families with programs and services and by operating its own childhood cancer research laboratory, and during Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, the 1 Voice organization is hosting an *Inaugural Dock to Doc Sailute Flotilla* on September 19, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2020 as

“CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH”

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in recognizing and honoring all those involved in the many organizations in our community and throughout the nation who are supporting cancer patients and their families.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 11th day of August 2020.



Jane Castor

Mayor