



National Lieutenant Governors Association

Resolution Recognizing September 2019 As Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

2 **WHEREAS**, childhood cancer is the leading cause of death by disease in children, and 1 in 285 children in the
3 United States will be diagnosed by their 20th birthday, and

4 **WHEREAS**, 43 children per day or 15,780 children are diagnosed with cancer annually in the U.S., and there
5 are approximately 40,000 children on active treatment at any given time, and

6 **WHEREAS**, the average age of diagnosis is 6 years old, compared to 66 years for adults' cancer diagnosis, and

7 **WHEREAS**, 80% of childhood cancer patients are diagnosed late and with metastatic disease, and

8 **WHEREAS**, on average there's been a 0.6 percent increase in incidence per year since the mid 1970's resulting
9 in an overall incidence increase of 24 percent over the last 40 years, and

10 **WHEREAS**, two-thirds of childhood cancer patients will have chronic health conditions as a result of their
11 treatment toxicity, with one quarter being classified as severe to life-threatening, and

12 **WHEREAS**, approximately one half of childhood cancer families rate the associated financial toxicity due to
13 out-of-pocket expenses as considerable to severe, and

14 **WHEREAS**, in the last 20 years only four new drugs have been approved by the FDA to specifically treat
15 childhood cancer, and

16 **WHEREAS**, the National Cancer Institute recognizes the unique research needs of childhood cancer and the
17 associated need for increased funding to carry this out, and

18 **WHEREAS**, hundreds of non-profit organizations at the local and national level including the American
19 Childhood Cancer Organization are helping children with cancer and their families cope through educational,
20 emotional and financial support, and

21 **WHEREAS**, researchers and healthcare professionals work diligently dedicating their expertise to treat and
22 cure children with cancer, and

23 **WHEREAS**, too many children are affected by this deadly disease and more must be done to raise awareness
24 and find a cure.

25 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the National Lieutenant Governors Association (NLGA)
26 recognizes the month of September 2019 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month



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27 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NLGA encourages young people fighting cancer, honors young
28 people who have lost their lives to childhood cancer, and expresses gratitude to the doctors and nurses who
29 provide special care to patients and families affected by childhood cancer.

ADOPTED, this day, the 19th day of July, 2019.

Sponsors: Secretary of State Ed Buchanan (R – Wyoming), Lt. Governor Pamela Evette (R – South Carolina), Lt. Governor John Fetterman (D – Pennsylvania), Lt. Governor Adam Gregg (R – Iowa), Lt. Governor Bethany Hall-Long (D – Delaware), Lt. Governor Cyrus Habib (D – Washington), Lt. Governor Kathy Hochul (D – New York), Lt. Governor Mike Kehoe (R – Missouri), Lt. Governor Kate Marshall (D – Nevada), Lt. Governor Kevin Meyer (R – Alaska), Lt. Governor Sheila Oliver (D – New Jersey), Lt. Governor Lynn Rogers (D – Kansas), Lt. Governor Juliana Stratton (D – Illinois)