

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection report cancer as the leading cause of death by disease for children and adolescents between infancy and age fifteen in the United States; and

WHEREAS, this tragic disease is detected in nearly 16,000 of our country's young people each and every year, and one in five of these children will lose their battle with cancer; and

WHEREAS, many infants, children and teens will suffer from long-term effects of comprehensive treatment, including secondary cancers; and

WHEREAS, founded nearly thirty years ago by Steven Firestein, a member of the philanthropic Max Factor cosmetics family, the American Cancer Fund for Children, Inc. and Kids Cancer Connection, Inc., along with the Lions Club International are dedicated to helping these children and their families; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection provide a variety of vital patient psychosocial services to children undergoing cancer treatment at The Children's Hospital at Palms West, Palm Beach Children's Hospital at St. Mary's Medical Center, Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital in Hollywood, Salah Foundation Children's Hospital at Broward Health in Fort Lauderdale, Nicklaus Children's Hospital, Holtz Children's Hospital in Miami as well as participating hospitals throughout the county, enhancing the quality of life for these children and their families; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection also sponsor toy distributions, pet-assisted therapy, family sailing programs, KCC Supercar Experience, positive appearance programs, educational programs, and hospital celebrations in honor of a child's determination and bravery to fight the battle against childhood cancer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Commission of the City of Coconut Creek, Florida, hereby proclaims the week of October 23-29, 2022, as

“CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS WEEK”

to help raise awareness of childhood cancers, encourage our community to recognize the impact childhood cancer has on patients and their families, and honor all those who bravely fight childhood cancer, including the many organizations supporting cancer patients and their families.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto
set our hands and caused the seal of the
City of Coconut Creek to be affixed
this 13th day of October, 2022.**