

WHEREAS it is one of the responsibilities of the Mayor of the City of Westerville to recognize occasions of outstanding significance;

WHEREAS, childhood cancers make up less than 1% of all cancers diagnosed each year; and

WHEREAS, about 11,630 children in the United States under the age of 15 will be diagnosed with cancer in 2013, and childhood cancer rates have been rising slightly for the past few decades; and

WHEREAS, because of major treatment advances in recent decades, more than 80% of children with cancer now survive 5 years or more, and overall, this is a huge increase since the mid 1970's when the 5 year survival rate was less than 60%; and,

WHEREAS, different types of cancer can behave very differently, they grow at different rates and respond to different treatments and that is why children with cancer need treatment that is aimed at their particular kind of cancer; and

WHEREAS, cancer is the second leading cause of death in children younger than 15 years old (after accidents) and about 1,310 children are expected to die from cancer in 2013; and

WHEREAS, about one in 500 young adults is a childhood cancer survivor, and nearly 2/3 of the survivors later experience significant and chronic medical problems or develop secondary cancers as adults that result from the treatment of their original cancer. NOW THEREFORE,

I, Kathleen Cocuzzi, Mayor of the City of Westerville, Ohio, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2013, as

“CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH”

in Westerville to educate our community about this disease and rising social consciousness that is essential in generating immediate federal and private funding of childhood cancer research.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused my seal to be affixed this 17th day of September, in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Thirteen.

Kathleen Cocuzzi, Mayor