



Proclamation

CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH SEPTEMBER

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection report cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among U.S. children between infancy and age 15. This tragic disease is detected in nearly 15,000 of our country's young people each and every year.

WHEREAS, one in five of our nation's children loses his or her battle with cancer. Many infants, children and teens will suffer from long-term effects of comprehensive treatment, including secondary cancers; and

WHEREAS, founded over twenty 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. 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 Mission Children's Hospital-Memorial Campus in Asheville, Carolinas Medical Center/Levine Cancer Institute in Charlotte, as well as participating hospitals throughout the country, thereby 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 Courageous Kid Recognition Award ceremonies, community get well cards and hospital celebrations in honor of a child's determination and bravery to fight the battle against childhood cancer.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Jackson County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in Jackson County.

ADOPTED the 1st day of September, 2015.

Attest:

Angela M. Winchester, Clerk to Board

Brian Thomas McMahan, Chairman