Proclamation
Office of the Mayor

"CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH"

Whereas, childhood cancer is the leading cause of death by disease in children, and according to the American Childhood Cancer Organization 1 in 285 children in the United States will be diagnosed by their 20th birthday and 46 children per day or 16,790 children per year are diagnosed with cancer in the U.S.; and;

Whereas, while the average age of diagnosis is 6 years old, 80% of childhood cancer patients are diagnosed late and with metastatic disease; and,

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

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

Whereas, approximately one half of childhood cancer families rate the associated financial hardship due to out-of-pocket expenses as considerable to severe; and,

Whereas, in the last 30 years only six new drugs have been approved by the FDA to specifically treat childhood cancer; and,

Whereas, the National Cancer Institute recognizes the unique research needs of childhood cancer and the associated need for increased funding to carry this out; and,

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

Whereas, researchers and healthcare professionals work diligently dedicating their expertise to treat and cure children with cancer; and,

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

Now therefore, I, Danielle DiPaola, Mayor of the Borough of Emerson, on behalf of the Governing Body, do hereby proclaim September 2026 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in the Borough of Emerson in hopes of one day having a world free of Childhood Cancer.

Mayor Danielle DiPaola
September 1, 2026