

DENVER CITY COUNCIL



Proclamation No. 24-1271

A Proclamation Recognizing September as National Blood Cancer Awareness Month

WHEREAS, Blood Cancer Awareness Month is a global event helping to raise awareness of one of the world's most prevalent and dangerous cancers: blood cancer; and

WHEREAS, September turns red each year as the spotlight is put firmly on blood cancer and the impact it has on our communities and the urgent need for more action; and

WHEREAS, raising awareness of blood cancer, its signs and symptoms, and its impact will help to improve early diagnosis, encourage policymakers to prioritize the disease, as well as help everyone with blood cancer feel connected and heard; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 1,629,474 people in the United States (US) are living with or in remission from leukemia, lymphoma, myeloma, myelodysplastic syndromes (MDS) or myeloproliferative neoplasms (MPNs); and

WHEREAS, approximately every 3 minutes, one person in the US is diagnosed with leukemia, lymphoma or myeloma; and

WHEREAS, an estimated combined total of 187,740 people in the US are expected to be diagnosed with leukemia, lymphoma or myeloma in 2024. New cases of leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma are expected to account for 9.4 percent of the estimated 2,001,140 new cancer cases that will be diagnosed in the US in 2024; and

WHEREAS, these diseases are expected to account for 9.4 percent of the deaths from cancer in 2024, based on the estimated total of 611,720 cancer deaths; and

WHEREAS, organizations like the Mountain Region Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and annual events like Rocky Mountain Light the Night that was held this year on Thursday, September 26 at Washington Park provide support and hope to thousands of families and survivors. There is hope, today more than 80 percent of all patients diagnosed with Hodgkin Lymphoma can be cured by current treatment approaches. More dedicated funding and research is needed to increase the cure rate of all blood cancers.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE DENVER CITY COUNCIL:

Section 1. That the Denver City Council hereby acknowledges the importance of the annual recognition of September as Blood Cancer Awareness Month, celebrating the survivors of these cancers and remembering those whose lives were lost.

Section 2. That the Clerk and Recorder of the City and County of Denver shall affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to Mountain Region Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL September 30, 2024

PRESIDENT

