

Proclamation 17-0975 Raising the Awareness of Pediatric Cancer

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and the Kids Cancer Connection report cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among U.S. children between infancy and age 19. This tragic disease is detected in more than 16,000 of our country's young people each and every year; and

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 nearly twenty-five 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 Children's Hospital Colorado, Rocky Mountain Hospital for Children in Denver, 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 Awards, family sailing, 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, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

Section 1. That the Council of the City and County of Denver commends the efforts and dedication of Gavin's Galaxy and Kids Cancer Connection and does hereby proclaim the month of September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

Section 2. That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that copies be transmitted to Gavin's Galaxy and Kids Cancer Connection.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL August 28, 2017

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