

## **Proclamation 13-07**

### **SEPTEMBER AS NATIONAL CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, every year thousands of children across America are diagnosed with cancer, and often life threatening illness that remains the leading cause of death by disease for children under the age of 15.

WHEREAS, the causes of pediatric cancer are still largely unknown, and though new discoveries are resulting in new treatments, this heartbreaking disease continues to scar families and communities in ways that may never fully heal.

WHEREAS, this month, we remember the young lives taken too soon, stand with the families facing childhood cancer today, and rededicate ourselves to combating this terrible illness.

WHEREAS, there is much that remains to be done, our Nation has come far in the fight to understand, treat, and control childhood cancer. Thanks to ongoing advances in research and treatment, the 5 year survival rate for all childhood cancers has climbed from less than 50 percent to 80 percent over the past several decades,

WHEREAS, researchers around the world continue to pioneer new therapies and explore the root causes of the disease, driving progress that could reveal cures or improved outcomes for patients. But despite the gains we have made, help still does not come soon enough for many of our sons and daughters, and too many families suffer painful and devastating loss.

WHEREAS, this month, we pay tribute to the families, friends, professionals, and communities who lend their strength to children fighting pediatric cancer. May their courage and commitment continue to move us toward new cures, healthier outcomes, and a brighter future for America's youth.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Franklin County Commissioners of Franklin County , Kansas, do hereby proclaim September 2013 as National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in Franklin County and encourage all Franklin County residents to join in reaffirming our commitment to fighting childhood cancer.

Signed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September 2013.

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Colton Waymire, Chairman