

Proclamation

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

September 2024

WHEREAS A cancer diagnosis at any age can be extremely distressing, and additional social isolation can make things even harder for children with cancer and their families; and

WHEREAS children who survive an initial cancer are at higher risk of lifetime side effects or another form of malignant cancer, or both; and

WHEREAS it is important to support the mental and emotional health of children and youth with cancer, and that of their families; and

WHEREAS organizations like the Childhood Cancer Family Support Society and the Island Kids Cancer Association help connect families in British Columbia who have children with cancer to support networks, counselling, education, therapy, financial assistance and

community programs; and

WHEREAS Childhood Cancer Awareness Month is an opportunity to raise awareness of childhood cancer and to show support for families who have children with cancer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Brenda Locke, do hereby declare September 2024 as "Childhood Cancer Awareness Month" in the City of Surrey.

Mayor Brenda Locke

City of Surrey