

City of Poulsbo

Office of Mayor Rebecca Erickson



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** pediatric cancer is the leading cause of death by disease in children; and
- WHEREAS,** 1-in-285 children in the United States will be diagnosed by their 20th birthday; and
- WHEREAS,** 80 percent of childhood cancer cases are diagnosed only after the disease has metastasized and spread to other parts of the body; and
- WHEREAS,** two-thirds of childhood cancer patients will have long-lasting chronic conditions as a result of the treatment they go through; and
- WHEREAS,** there has been a twenty-four percent increase in pediatric cancer cases over the last forty years, equal to forty-three children per day, or 15,780 children a year, diagnosed with cancer in the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** the National Cancer Institute recognized the unique research needs of childhood cancer and increased funding to conduct this research; and
- WHEREAS,** researchers and healthcare professionals work diligently to dedicate 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 for all childhood cancers; now, therefore,

I, **Rebecca Erickson, Mayor of the City of Poulsbo, Washington**, do hereby declare September 2020 as

CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

and I encourage all people in our city to join me in this special observance.

Dated this 8th day of July, 2020.

Rebecca Erickson, Mayor

