



WHEREAS, childhood cancer is the leading cause of death by disease in children under 15 years of age, and the second leading cause of death after accidents; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 285 children in the United States will be diagnosed with cancer by his or her 20th birthday: and the American Cancer Society reports estimates that over 11,000 new cases of childhood cancer are expected to occur among children under age 15 in 2020: and

WHEREAS, Over the past few decades, there have been advancements in medical treatments and great strides in the fight against pediatric cancer. Thanks to significant advances in treatment over the last 50 years, the combined 5-year survival rate for children with cancer increased by more than 20 percentage points. However, despite such advances, more than 1,800 children die of cancer each year in the United States: and

WHEREAS, it is vital that those affected by childhood cancer have access to quality, affordable care, and that research of all forms of childhood cancer continues to be vigorously supported; and for those children and their families, and in memory of every young person lost to cancer, we unite behind improved treatment, advanced research, and brighter futures for young people everywhere; and

WHEREAS, the determination and bravery with which these children fight their battles against cancer should be recognized and commended by all; and more must be done to raise awareness and find a cure; and

WHEREAS, throughout the City of Sugar Hill and the State of Georgia, organizations, advocates, researchers, medical professionals, and hospitals work to increase awareness of the signs of childhood cancer, improve the quality of life for children with cancer, advocate for active cancer screening tests and treatments, and support the families affected by childhood cancer;

NOW, THEREFORE, The Mayor and Council of the City of Sugar Hill, do hereby recognize September 2020 as CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH in the City of Sugar Hill, and we encourage all residents to join us in reaffirming our commitment to fighting childhood cancer.

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Steve Edwards, Mayor

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