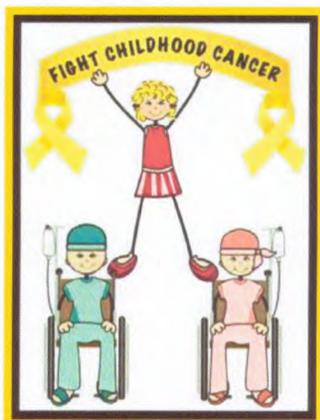


# PROCLAMATION



*WHEREAS*, families, caregivers, charities, and research groups across the United States are observing September as **Childhood Cancer Awareness Month**, to memorialize the young lives that were taken too soon and honor the survivors who face chronic health challenges; and

*WHEREAS*, nationally each year, thousands of children face the battle against cancer with inspiring hope and incredible bravery; and

*WHEREAS*, according to the American Cancer Society, 15,780 children under the age of 21 are diagnosed with cancer every year, and approximately 1/4 of them will not survive the disease; and

*WHEREAS*, each year, approximately 400 New Jersey residents under the age of nineteen are diagnosed with cancer and roughly 53 lives are lost; and

*WHEREAS*, childhood cancer is one of the leading causes of death among children under nineteen, although survival rates for many childhood cancers have risen sharply over the past few decades; and

*WHEREAS*, childhood cancer crosses all racial, ethnic, and social boundaries; and

*WHEREAS*, the Borough of Spotswood recognizes the devastating effects of childhood cancer on the residents of the State of New Jersey and Borough of Spotswood; and

*WHEREAS*, this month in Spotswood we pay tribute to the health care professionals, researchers, private philanthropists, and parent advocacy groups who collaborate to provide hope and help to patients and families affected by pediatric cancer while making vital contributions to the ongoing search for a cure for childhood cancers;

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*, that I, Nicholas Poliseo, Mayor of the Borough of Spotswood, do proclaim and recognize the month of September 2016 as **Childhood Cancer Awareness Month** in Spotswood and encourage all residents to show their support of this cause by increasing awareness, speaking up about childhood cancer, wearing the gold ribbon, and reaffirming our commitment to fighting childhood cancer.

DATED: September 19, 2016

  
NICHOLAS POLISENO  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
PATRICIA DeSTEFANO, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

