

# 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

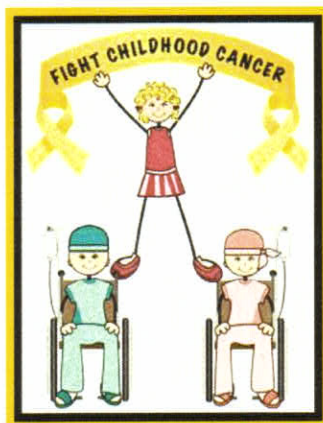
*WHEREAS*, according to the American Cancer Society, 15,780 children under the age of 21 are diagnosed with cancer every year, and approximately 1/4 of them will not survive the disease; and

*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 in the State of New Jersey and Borough of



Spotswood; and


Spotswood recognizes the devastation on the residents of the State of Spotswood; and

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

wood we pay tribute to the health care professionals, private philanthropists, and parents to provide hope and help to pediatric cancer while making vital

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*, that I, Ed Seely, Mayor of the Borough of Spotswood, together with our Governing Body, do proclaim and recognize the month of September 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: August 14, 2017

  
Ed Seely  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
PATRICIA DeSTEFANO, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

