



PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION TO DESIGNATE THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, AS "CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH"

- WHEREAS,** children are Okaloosa County School District's most valuable resource and their health and wellness is crucial to their success in the classroom; and
- WHEREAS,** Northwest Florida reports an average of fifty (50) local children are newly diagnosed with cancer each year; and
- WHEREAS,** cancer is the number one disease killer of children in the United States, yet childhood cancer research is severely underfunded where the National Institute of Health only allocates 4% of cancer research funding to children; and
- WHEREAS,** research in the field of childhood cancer will allow for better treatment options, safe quality therapies, and ultimately a cure for this deadly disease; and
- WHEREAS,** Rally Foundation For Childhood Cancer Research has provided a valuable resource to children and families who are afflicted with this horrendous disease;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Okaloosa County, Florida does hereby recognize the month of September 2023 as

CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

and encourages others to participate in efforts throughout the year to raise awareness and funding for childhood cancer research with Rally Gulf Coast while supporting families who face devastating effects and costs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the regular meeting of the School Board and that a copy be tendered to Rally Gulf Coast.

Adopted this 25th day of September 2023.

ATTEST:

The School Board of Okaloosa County, Florida

By: _____
Marcus D. Chambers
Superintendent

By: _____
Diane Kelley
School Board Chairman