

~ PROCLAMATION ~

WHEREAS, Camas is a caring community that supports children and families; and

WHEREAS, 43 children are diagnosed with cancer in the U.S. each day, resulting in 15,780 times annually that a family will hear the words, "Your child has cancer"; and

WHEREAS, the causes of childhood cancer are largely unknown and more studies are needed to understand which treatments work best for children; and

WHEREAS, cancer treatment for children often must differ from traditional adult treatments to take into account children's developmental needs and other factors; and

WHEREAS, nearly 2,000 American children under the age of 19 still die each year from cancer, making it the leading cause of death by disease in children; and

WHEREAS, although the five-year survival rate for childhood cancers has reached 80 percent, two-thirds of those that do survive are at risk for chronic health conditions later on in life; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of children are currently being treated for cancer in Washington State; and

WHEREAS, too many children are affected by this deadly disease and more must be done to raise awareness and find a cure;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Higgins, Mayor of the City of Camas, do hereby proclaim **September 2018**, as

***"Childhood Cancer Awareness Month"***

in the City of Camas, and encourage all citizens to support this cause that so deeply impacts families.



In witness whereof, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Camas to be affixed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018.

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Scott Higgins, Mayor