

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 137

Senator Geiss offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to designate September 2024 as Childhood Cancer
2 Awareness Month.

3 Whereas, According to the American Childhood Cancer
4 Organization, an estimated 15,780 children between the ages of
5 birth through 19 are diagnosed with cancer each year; and

6 Whereas, In 2024 alone, an estimated 9,620 new cases have been
7 diagnosed; and

8 Whereas, Our goal is to increase awareness about childhood
9 cancer, which is the leading cause of death by disease for children
10 under the age of 14; and

11 Whereas, We honor the extraordinary resilience, courage, and
12 strength of those who this harmful disease has effected; and

1 Whereas, Children's cancer affects all ethnic, gender, and
2 socio-economic groups; and

3 Whereas, Since the mid-1970s, advancements have been made in
4 the fight against childhood cancer. Due to major treatment strides
5 in recent decades, more than 80 percent of children with cancer now
6 survive five years or more; and

7 Whereas, Increased awareness, support, and research will help
8 to further improve outcomes and protect children from these serious
9 diseases; and

10 Whereas, We must renew our commitment to curing childhood
11 cancer and offer our support to the brave young people who are
12 fighting this disease; and

13 Whereas, To honor the memory of every young person lost to
14 cancer, we must unite behind improved treatment, advanced research
15 and data, and brighter futures for young people; and

16 Whereas, We recognize the amazing strength, perseverance, and
17 optimism of the families and friends of children who suffer from
18 these devastating illnesses; and

19 Whereas, We acknowledge the medical professionals,
20 researchers, and others who dedicate their time to search for new
21 and safer treatments and cures; and

22 Whereas, All children deserve the chance to be healthy and
23 find joy and fulfillment in their childhoods, as they deserve the
24 chance to realize their full potential and grow into adults; now,
25 therefore, be it

26 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
27 body designate September 2024 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.