

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 67

Senators Geiss, Santana, Bayer, Irwin, Wojno, McMorrow,  
Polehanki, Shink and Cherry offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to designate September 2025 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 2025 alone, an estimated 9,550 new cases have been  
7 diagnosed; and

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

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

1 affected; and

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

4       Whereas, Since the mid-1970s, significant advancements have  
5 been made in the fight against childhood cancer. Due to major  
6 treatment strides in recent decades, more than 85 percent of  
7 children with cancer now survive five years or more; and

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

11       Whereas, We must renew our commitment to curing cancer and  
12 offer our support to the brave, young children who are fighting  
13 these diseases every day; and

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

17       Whereas, We commend the incredible strength, perseverance, and  
18 optimism of the families and friends of children who suffer from  
19 these devastating diseases; and

20       Whereas, We acknowledge and praise the medical professionals,  
21 researchers, and other helping hands who dedicate their time to  
22 search for newer and safer treatments and cures; and

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

27       Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative  
28 body designate September 2025 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.