



OFFICE OF THE  
MAYOR  
CITY OF SAN LUIS

# *Proclamation*

## CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

### September 2022

**WHEREAS**, childhood cancer is the leading cause of death by disease in children, 1 in 285 children in the United States will be diagnosed by their 20<sup>th</sup> birthday, 46 children per day or 16,790 children per year are diagnosed with cancer in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, there are approximately 40,000 children on active treatment at any given time, the average age of diagnosis is 6 years old, compared to 66 years for adults' cancer diagnosis, 80% of childhood cancer patients are diagnosed late and with metastatic disease; and

**WHEREAS**, two-thirds of childhood cancer patients will have chronic health conditions as a result of their treatment toxicity, with one quarter being classified as severe to life-threatening; and

**WHEREAS**, in the last 20 years, only four new drugs have been approved by the FDA to specifically treat childhood cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Cancer Institute recognizes the unique research needs of childhood cancer and the associated need for increased funding to carry this out; and

**WHEREAS**, researchers and healthcare professionals work diligently, dedicating their expertise to treat and cure children with cancer, it is vital that those affected by childhood cancer have access to quality affordable care and that research on all forms of childhood cancer continues to be vigorously supported; and

**WHEREAS**, too many children are affected by this deadly disease and more must be done to raise awareness and find a cure, the determination, and bravery with which these children fight their battles against cancer should be recognized and commended by all.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Mayor Gerardo Sanchez, do hereby proclaim September 2022, as "**Childhood Cancer Awareness Month**", in the City of San Luis, Arizona in order to help raise awareness of pediatric cancer.

Dated this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August 2022.

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Gerardo Sanchez, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Melissa Lopez, Deputy City Clerk