



**Office of the Mayor
City of Palmer
Proclamation
Childhood Cancer Awareness Week
September 25 through October 1, 2022**

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection report cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among U.S. children between infancy and age 15. This tragic disease is detected in more than 16,000 of our country's young people each and every year; and

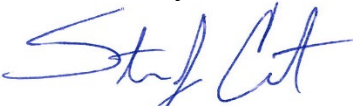
WHEREAS, one in five of our nation's children loses his or her battle with cancer. Many infants, children and teens will suffer from long-term effects of comprehensive treatment, including secondary cancers. An estimated 400,000 children and adolescents are diagnosed with cancer globally each year; and

WHEREAS, founded nearly thirty years ago by Steven Firestein, a member of the philanthropic Max Factor cosmetics family, the American Cancer Fund for Children, Inc., Kids Cancer Connection, Inc. along with Lions Clubs International are dedicated to helping these children and their families; and


WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection provide a variety of vital patient psychosocial services to children undergoing cancer treatment at The Children's Hospital at Providence Alaska Medical Center in Anchorage, as well as participating hospitals throughout the country, thereby enhancing the quality of life for these children and their families; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection also sponsor toy distributions, family sailing programs, pet-assisted therapy, Laughternoon - Laughter is Healing, KCC Supercar Experience, positive appearance programs, educational programs and hospital celebrations in honor of a child's determination and bravery to fight the battle against childhood cancer.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS PROCLAIMED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Palmer, Alaska, that September 25 through October 1, 2022, is hereby declared as Childhood Cancer Awareness Week in Palmer.



Steve Carrington, Mayor



Shelly M. Acteson, CMC, City Clerk