

THE CITY OF FIRCREST

Office of the Mayor PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, pediatric cancer is the leading cause of death by disease in children;

WHEREAS, one in 285 children in the United States will be diagnosed by their 20th birthday; and

WHEREAS, 80% of childhood cancer cases are diagnosed only after the disease has metastasized and spread to other areas of the body;

WHEREAS, two-thirds of childhood cancer patients will have long-lasting chronic conditions as a result of the treatments they go through; and

WHEREAS, there has been a 24% increase in pediatric cancer cases over the last 40 years, equal to 43 children per day or 15, 780 children a year, diagnosed with cancer in the United States; 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, the National Cancer Institute recognized the unique research needs of childhood cancer and increased funding to conduct this research; and

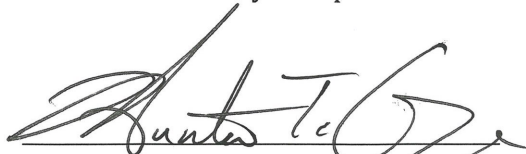
WHEREAS, in the last 20 years, only four new drugs have been developed specifically to treat children with cancer, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIRCREST, does hereby proclaim September 2018 to be

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

Passed this 11th day of September 2018


Hunter T. George, Mayor