

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, *pediatric cancer is the leading cause of death for children in the United States; and*

WHEREAS, *only 4 percent of federal cancer research funding is dedicated to childhood cancers each year; and*

WHEREAS, *Alexandria-based nonprofit Chance for Life has raised \$6.5 million to date to combat childhood cancer, donating 100 percent of its turkey event's net proceeds to Children's National Health System and Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation; and*

WHEREAS, *the local network working for a worldwide cure supports life-saving pediatric cancer research and treatment; and*

WHEREAS, *it was announced this year that the first Chance for Life-funded clinical trial reached FDA approval and is enrolling patients; and*

WHEREAS, *Chance for Life has pledged to raise \$50,000 this month to fund even more survivors because our children deserve better; and*

WHEREAS, *it is appropriate to recognize the value and accomplishments of pediatric cancer healthcare providers and Chance for Life's fundraising efforts by designating Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JUSTIN M. WILSON, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby recognize September, 2019, as:

“PEDIATRIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH”

With the theme “Giving Children a Chance for Life” in the City of Alexandria and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here unto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 11th day of June, 2019.

MAYOR JUSTIN M. WILSON

*On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia*

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk