

PROCLAMATION

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