MOTION: **September 1, 2026**
Regular Meeting
SECOND: **Res. No. 26-**

RE: **Proclaim September 2026, as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month**

ACTION:

WHEREAS, despite extraordinary advancements in science made in recent years, cancer remains the second leading cause of death in the United States; and

WHEREAS, cancer remains the most common cause of death by disease for children in the U.S., with an estimated 15,780 children – 1 in 285 – diagnosed with cancer before their 20th birthday; and

WHEREAS, over the past 40 years, the number of children diagnosed with leukemia has increased by about 35 percent; and

WHEREAS, while survival rates for many childhood cancers have improved, progress has been uneven, with some diagnoses seeing little improvement for decades and survivors often facing lifelong health effects and shortened life expectancy; and

WHEREAS, a growing number of childhood cancer patients are experiencing longer life expectancies yet face significant long-term physical, emotional, and cognitive effects due to their cancer and treatment; and

WHEREAS, the Prince William Board of County Supervisors proclaims September 2025 as National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month to honor the lives of children taken too soon as well as the ever-growing number of youth cancer survivors;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors hereby proclaims the month of September 2026 to be Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and commits to support the Prince William Health District and local medical facilities in their research of the causes of childhood cancer and the development of more effective therapies so that all children have the chance to live long, healthy lives.

Votes:
Ayes:
Nays:
Absent from Vote:
Absent from Meeting:

ATTEST: _____
Clerk to the Board