

## **Childhood Cancer Awareness Month September 2019**

WHEREAS, each year worldwide, there are more than 300,000 new childhood cancer diagnoses, equal to about every 3 minutes a family will hear the words 'Your child has cancer'; and

WHEREAS, although the five-year survival rate for childhood cancers has reached 80 percent, nearly 2,000 American children under the age of nineteen still die each year from cancer, making it the leading killer of children by disease; and

WHEREAS, two-thirds of those who survive childhood cancer will face at least one chronic health condition later on in life – not limited, but including – heart, liver, lung damage, infertility, secondary cancers and growth deficits; 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, cancer treatment for children often must differ from traditional adult treatments to take into account children's developmental needs and other factors; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bonney Lake is a caring community and part of a caring Washington State that supports children and families;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Neil Johnson, Mayor of Bonney Lake do hereby proclaim

## CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH \*\* September, 2019 \*\*

And encourage all residents to participate in opportunities to help fund a cure!

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Bonney Lake to be affixed this 27th day of August, 2019.

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Mayor Neil Johnson, Jr.,