



# Proclamation

## CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, each year in the United States more than fifteen thousand children from birth to nineteen years old were diagnosed with cancer, equal to about forty two childhood cancer diagnoses each day; and

WHEREAS, each year worldwide, there are more than three hundred thousand children diagnosed with a new childhood cancer which is equal to about every three minutes a family hearing the words “Your child has cancer;” and

WHEREAS, although the five-year survival rate for childhood cancers has reached eighty percent, nearly two thousand American children under the age of nineteen still die each year from cancer, making it the leading killer of children by disease; 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, too many children are affected by this disease and more needs to be done to raise awareness and find a cure.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Geoffrey Thomas, do hereby recognize the month of September 2019 as

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and encourage Monroe’s residents and businesses to join me in the special observance.

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Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor