

Proclamation

***Recognizing the Month of September 2025 as  
Childhood Cancer Awareness Month***



**WHEREAS**, cancer remains the leading cause of death by disease among children in the United States, with nearly 15,000 children under the age of 19 diagnosed each year; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 1 in 285 children in the United States will be diagnosed with cancer before their 20th birthday, and 1 in 5 of those diagnosed will not survive; and

**WHEREAS**, survivors often face lifelong health issues caused by the harsh treatments used to combat pediatric cancers, including secondary cancers, organ damage, and cognitive impairments; and

**WHEREAS**, Julian, a local Monroe resident, was just 9 years old when he was diagnosed with Wilms tumor, a rare childhood kidney cancer. Thanks to immediate intervention, extensive surgery, and chemotherapy, Julian is now 10 years cancer-free. His story is one of resilience, hope, and the power of early detection and support; and

**WHEREAS**, childhood cancer affects families in every community and requires increased awareness, funding, and community support to improve outcomes and quality of life for children and families impacted by cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, organizations, families, medical professionals, and volunteers at the local and national level are working tirelessly to raise awareness, support research, and provide emotional and practical support to affected families;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Mayor Geoffrey Thomas, and the City Council of the City of Monroe, Washington, do hereby recognize the month of September 2025 as

***CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH***

and encourage the community to learn more about childhood cancer, remember community members we have lost, and support ongoing efforts toward cures and healing.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Geoffrey Thomas", written over a horizontal line.

Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor