

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, September is Childhood Cancer Awareness month which provides an opportunity to honor and remember the children affected by cancer by renewing our commitment to fighting childhood cancer, raising awareness, and supporting those children and their families afflicted by cancer; and

WHEREAS, childhood cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among children in the United States and 46 children per day or 16,376 children are diagnosed with cancer annually in the United States; and

WHEREAS, one in five children diagnosed with cancer will not live past the five year mark and some types of childhood cancer, such as DIPG - diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma carry < 1% survival rate after two years. Two-thirds of childhood cancer patients will have chronic health conditions as a result of their treatment toxicity with one quarter being classified as severe to life threatening; and

WHEREAS, the Cannonballs for Kayne Foundation is a non-profit, public charity founded by 17-year old, Kayne Finley of Ormond Beach, Florida who battled DIPG for one year, and for all children battling pediatric cancer; and

WHEREAS, childhood cancer spares no ethnic group, socioeconomic class, or geographic region, and it is essential to raise awareness and funding for pediatric cancer research; and

WHEREAS, our community comes together to remember all those whose lives were lost to childhood cancer and to support every child and family whose lives have been forever altered by childhood cancer, as well as the dedicated professionals, organizations, individuals, and communities who support and care for them.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Partington, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2018 as

CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Ormond Beach and urge all residents of this community to support cancer patients, survivors, their families and caregivers; to remember the lives of those we have lost; and encourage those who are working to improve survival rates and treatments.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 19th day of September in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Eighteen.



BILL PARTINGTON
Mayor