

PROCLAMATION

CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS Childhood cancers make up less than 1% of all cancers diagnosed each year; about 12,000 children in the United States under the age of 15 will be diagnosed with cancer this year, and childhood cancer rates have been rising slightly for the past few decades; and

WHEREAS Because of major treatment advances in recent decades, more than 80% of children with cancer now survive 5 years or more, and overall, this is a huge increase since the mid-1970s when the 5 year survival rate was less than 60%; and

WHEREAS Different types of cancer can behave very differently; they grow at different rates and respond to different treatments. That is why children with cancer need treatment that is aimed at their particular kind of cancer; and

WHEREAS Cancer is the second leading cause of death in children younger than 15 years old (after accidents); and

WHEREAS About one in 500 young adults is a childhood cancer survivor, and nearly 2/3 of the survivors later experience significant and chronic medical problems or develop secondary cancers as adults that result from the treatment of their original cancer.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Town of Sturbridge stands in official observance of **CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH** for the month of September in the year of 2015.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have set our hand and caused the seal of the Town of Sturbridge to be affixed on this 8th day of September in the year 2015.

STURBRIDGE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Mary Blankland
Trishella Guean
William J. ...
Michael J. ...

