

# CITY OF SPOKANE



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, each year in the United States more than 15,780 children from birth to 19 years old are diagnosed with cancer, equal to about 42 childhood cancer diagnoses each day, and approximately one in 285 children in the United States will be diagnosed with cancer before their twentieth birthday with this number increasing each year; and

**WHEREAS**, although the five-year survival rate for childhood cancers has reached 84 percent, nearly 1,500 American children under the age of nineteen still die each year from cancer, making it the leading killer of children by disease, and those that do survive 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 since cancer treatment for children often must differ from traditional adult treatments to take into account children's developmental needs and other factors:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the citizens of Spokane, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2021 as

### CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of Spokane,  
do hereunto set my hand and  
cause the seal of the City of Spokane  
to be affixed this  
16<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021.

Nadine Woodward  
Mayor

