

# CITY OF SPOKANE



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, cancer is the number one disease killer and the second leading cause of death in children (exceeded only by accidents) in the United States, and approximately 15,780 children under the age of 19 years will be diagnosed with cancer this year in the U.S., with approximately 88 new cases each year in the Inland Northwest; and cancer in childhood occurs randomly and spares no ethnic group, socioeconomic class, or geographic region, and one in every 285 people in the United States will develop cancer before their twentieth birthday, which correlates to every three minutes a family will hear the words, your child has cancer, and every year an estimated 2,000 children lose their lives to cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Spokane recognizes the devastating effects of cancer on the children of this region and stands with them and their families, acknowledging that they are one of our most precious resources, and encourages all efforts toward finding a cure and promoting the gold ribbon as a symbol of solidarity; and

**WHEREAS**, the Childhood Cancer Coalition is celebrating nearly 50 years of making a difference in the lives of childhood cancer patients and their families through education, support, serving, and advocacy:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Lisa Brown, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the people of Spokane, do hereby proclaim September 2024 as

### CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in Spokane and encourage all residents to consider wearing a gold ribbon to honor childhood cancer patients, survivors, their families and caregivers, and those young people who have lost their lives to this devastating disease.

I, Lisa Brown, Mayor of Spokane,  
do hereunto set my hand and  
cause the seal of the City of Spokane  
to be affixed this  
26th day of August 2024.

*Lisa Brown*

Lisa Brown  
Mayor

