## **Proclamation**

WHEREAS, pediatric cancer is the leading cause of death by disease in children; and

WHEREAS, 1-in-285 children in the United States will be diagnosed by their 20<sup>th</sup> birthday; and

WHEREAS, 80 percent of childhood cancer cases are diagnosed only after the disease has metastasized and spread to other areas of the body; and

WHEREAS, two-thirds of childhood cancer patients will have long-lasting chronic conditions as a result of the treatments they go through; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Cancer Institute recognized the unique research needs of childhood cancer and increased funding to conduct this research; and

WHEREAS, in the last 20 years, only four new drugs have been developed specifically to treat children with cancer; and

WHEREAS, researchers and healthcare professionals work diligently to dedicate their expertise to treat and cure children with cancer; and

WHEREAS, too many children are affected by this deadly disease and more must be done to raise awareness and find a cure.

**NOW**, **THEREFORE**, I, Pam Pruitt, the Mayor of the City of Mill Creek, on behalf of the City Council do hereby recognize September 2019 to be Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

Mill Creek
WASHINGTON

Signed this 24th day of September 2019

Pam Pruitt, Mayor

Attact

Gina Pfister City Clerk

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