



Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

Whereas: *it is one of the privileges of the Mayor of Grove City*

to recognize significant occasions; and

WHEREAS: *childhood cancer is the leading cause of death by disease in children; and*

WHEREAS: *one in 285 children in the United States will be diagnosed by their 20th birthday, which equates to 46 children per day and 16,790 children annually; and*

WHEREAS: *there are approximately 40,000 children on active treatment at any given time with the average age of diagnosis at 6 years old, compared to 66 years old for adult cancer diagnosis. On average, there's been a .06 percent increase in incidence per year since the mid-1970's resulting in an overall incidence increase of 24% over the last 40 years; and*

WHEREAS: *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: *approximately one-half of childhood cancer families rate the associated financial toxicity due to out-of-pocket expenses as considerable to severe; and*

WHEREAS: *in the last 20 years, only four new drugs have been approved by the FDA to specifically treat childhood cancer; and*

WHEREAS: *hundreds of non-profit organizations at the local and national level including the Friends of Faith Pruden Foundation are helping children with cancer and their families cope through educational, emotional and financial support; and*

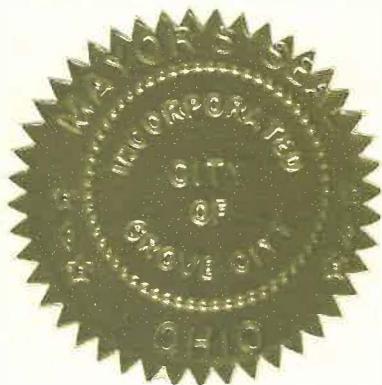
WHEREAS: *researchers and healthcare professionals work diligently dedicating their expertise to treat and cure children with cancer; and*

WHEREAS: *too many children are affected by this deadly disease and more must be done to raise awareness and find a cure. One way is the new Ohio Gold Ribbon Awareness license plate that benefits The Center for Childhood Cancer at the Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital.*

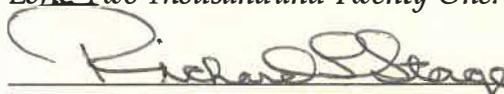
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard L. "Ike" Stage, Mayor of the City of Grove City, Ohio, do hereby proclaim September 2021, as

"CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH"

in Grove City, Ohio, and encourage all citizens to join in the fight against cancer.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of the City of Grove City, Ohio be affixed this 30th day of August in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-One.


Richard L. "Ike" Stage Mayor