

Resolution

WHEREAS, childhood cancer is the leading cause of death by disease in U.S. children;¹ and

WHEREAS, in 2021, an estimated 15,590 children were diagnosed with cancer – about 42 children per day – and over 1,700 children died from cancer;² and

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

WHEREAS, the National Cancer Institute recognizes the unique research needs of childhood cancer and the associated need for increased funding to carry this out; and

WHEREAS, children with cancer who contract COVID-19 are at more risk for severe illness than other children and are more likely to require hospitalization;³ and

WHEREAS, like adults, children can contract cancer from environmental factors including pollution. A Texas investigation identified a cancer cluster in Houston's Fifth Ward and Kashmere Gardens where children have contracted leukemia at almost five times the rate of the general population;⁴ and

WHEREAS, too many children are affected by this deadly disease and more must be done to raise awareness, prevent environmental exposure that could lead to cancer, and find a cure; and

WHEREAS, Childhood Cancer Awareness Month is recognized every September by childhood cancer organizations around the world: now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that Harris County Commissioners Court recognizes September 2022 as

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

in Harris County, Texas.

It is hereby **ORDERED** that this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of Commissioners Court this 13th day of September, 2022.

LINA HIDALGO, County Judge

RODNEY ELLIS, Commissioner
Precinct One

ADRIAN GARCIA, Commissioner
Precinct Two

TOM S. RAMSEY, P.E., Commissioner
Precinct Three

R. JACK CAGLE, Commissioner
Precinct Four

ATTEST:

Teneshia Hudspeth, County Clerk
Harris County, Texas

¹ National Cancer Institute, retrieved September 2022 from [this link](#)

² Ibid

³ Children's Cancer Cause, retrieved September 2022 from [this link](#)

⁴ Texas Department of State Health Services, "Assessment of the Occurrence of Cancer: Supplemental Assessment," January 2021, retrieved from [this link](#)