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House Resolution

A resolution designating September 2021 as "Childhood and Adolescent Cancer Awareness Month" in Florida.

WHEREAS, each year, more than 15,000 children and adolescents in the United States are diagnosed with cancer, and 1 in 300 children and adolescents will be diagnosed with cancer by 20 years of age, and

WHEREAS, childhood and adolescent cancer occurs regularly and randomly and does not distinguish between ethnic groups, socioeconomic class, or geographic region, and

WHEREAS, as of 2014, there were approximately 420,000 survivors of childhood and adolescent cancer in the United States, and

WHEREAS, cancer is the leading cause of death by disease after infancy for children and adolescents in the United States, and

WHEREAS, each year, hundreds of children and adolescents in the state are battling against cancer, many of whom will suffer from the long-term effects of comprehensive treatment, including secondary cancers, which also impacts their parents, grandparents, friends, neighbors, and communities, and

WHEREAS, as many as two-thirds of childhood and adolescent cancer patients will experience late-term effects of

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25 chemotherapy or radiation, which may persist or develop 5 years
26 after the cancer diagnosis, and

27 WHEREAS, as a result of greater treatment options, the 5-
28 year relative survival rate for childhood and adolescent cancer
29 is higher than 80 percent, with survival rates varying based on
30 the type of cancer and the age of the patient, and

31 WHEREAS, many health care professionals, researchers,
32 private philanthropies, and social support organizations are
33 dedicated to helping children and their families by offering
34 social, emotional, spiritual, educational, and financial support
35 and are committed to generating a greater understanding of
36 childhood and adolescent cancer and providing assistance to the
37 children and families affected by the disease, NOW, THEREFORE,

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39 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
40 Florida:

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42 That September 2021 is designated as "Childhood and
43 Adolescent Cancer Awareness Month" in Florida to raise awareness
44 of childhood and adolescent cancer, including the late-term
45 effects of the treatment of childhood and adolescent cancer
46 survivors and the need for early detection, immediate care, and
47 advanced research.