

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6035

A RESOLUTION recognizing September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

WHEREAS, In 1990, President George H.W. Bush initially proclaimed October as National Awareness Month for Children with Cancer; and

WHEREAS, In 2010, President Barack Obama proclaimed September as National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, and in 2019, President Donald Trump proclaimed September as National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, September 9, 2020, is All-Gold Day, a day to wear gold to bring awareness to childhood cancer; and

WHEREAS, Childhood cancer remains the leading cause of death by disease for children under the age of 15; and

WHEREAS, Every day, 46 children are diagnosed with cancer, and every day, seven of these children die; and

WHEREAS, One child in 330 children will develop cancer by age 20, and for these children, the side effects of cancer treatment can last a lifetime; and

WHEREAS, Childhood cancer kills more children than do cystic fibrosis, pediatric acquired immunodeficiency syndrome and asthma, combined; and

WHEREAS, Many children battle cancer on a daily basis, yet most people are unaware of this reality or that September is childhood cancer awareness month; and

WHEREAS, Americus school's eighth grade class is dedicated to bringing awareness to childhood cancer and supports those affected by childhood cancer; and

WHEREAS, In 2014, the Never Let Go Foundation was established to provide financial assistance to Lyon County families affected by childhood cancer; and

WHEREAS, In 2016, following the success in Lyon County, the Never Let Go Foundation expanded its program to the counties of Chase, Morris, Wabaunsee, Osage, Coffey and Greenwood; and

WHEREAS, Like the Never Let Go Foundation, there are other organizations committed to raising public awareness, providing aid and empowering individuals and families impacted by childhood cancer: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:
That we recognize September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

House Resolution No. 6035 was sponsored by Representatives Mark Schreiber and Ron Highland.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the HOUSE, and was adopted by that body

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.