



State of Wisconsin  
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## 2017 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 73

September 7, 2017 - Introduced by Representatives DUCHOW, ANDERSON, BALLWEG, BERCEAU, BERNIER, BRANDTJEN, E. BROOKS, BROSTOFF, GENRICH, HEBL, HORLACHER, JACQUE, KOLSTE, KULP, MASON, MURSAU, NOVAK, PETRYK, POPE, RIPP, ROHRKASTE, SARGENT, SPIROS, SPREITZER, STEFFEN, SUBECK, TAUCHEN, THIESFELDT, TRANEL, ZEPNICK, TUSLER and PRONSCHINSKE, cosponsored by Senators L. TAYLOR, BEWLEY, DARLING, JOHNSON, MARKLEIN, OLSEN and RINGHAND. Referred to Committee on Rules.

- 1     **Relating to:** proclaiming September 2017 as Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month.
- 2             Whereas, childhood cancer is the leading cause of death by disease in children;
- 3     and
- 4             Whereas, one in 285 children in the United States will be diagnosed with cancer
- 5     by their 20th birthday; and
- 6             Whereas, 43 children per day, or 15,780 children per year, are diagnosed with
- 7     cancer in the United States; and
- 8             Whereas, there are approximately 40,000 children on active treatment at any
- 9     given time; and
- 10            Whereas, the average age of diagnosis for childhood cancer is six years old,
- 11     compared to 66 years old for cancer diagnosis in adults; and
- 12            Whereas, 80 percent of childhood cancer patients are diagnosed late and with
- 13     metastatic disease; and

1           Whereas, there has been an average 0.6 percent increase in the incidence of  
2 childhood cancer per year since the mid-1970s, resulting in an overall increase of 24  
3 percent over the last 40 years; and

4           Whereas, two-thirds of childhood cancer patients will have chronic health  
5 conditions as a result of their treatment toxicity, with one-quarter being classified  
6 as severe to life-threatening; and

7           Whereas, approximately one-half of childhood cancer families rate the  
8 associated financial toxicity due to out-of-pocket expenses as considerable to severe;  
9 and

10          Whereas, in the last 20 years, only three new drugs have been approved by the  
11 food and drug administration to specifically treat childhood cancer; and

12          Whereas, the National Cancer Institute recognizes the unique research needs  
13 of childhood cancer and the associated need for increased funding to carry out that  
14 research; and

15          Whereas, hundreds of nonprofit organizations at the local and national level,  
16 including the American Childhood Cancer Organization, are helping children with  
17 cancer and their families cope through educational, emotional, and financial  
18 support; and

19          Whereas, researchers and healthcare professionals work diligently, dedicating  
20 their expertise to treating and curing children with cancer; and

21          Whereas, too many children are affected by this deadly disease, and more must  
22 be done to raise awareness and find a cure; now, therefore, be it

23           ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That:*** the legislature  
24 proclaims September 2017 as Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month in Wisconsin; and,  
25 be it further

