

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, approximately 15,780 children from birth to 19 years old are diagnosed with cancer annually in the United States, equal to about 43 childhood cancer diagnoses each day; and

WHEREAS, approximately one in 285 children in the United States will be diagnosed with cancer before their twentieth birthday, with this number increasing each year; and

WHEREAS, each year worldwide, there are more than 300,000 new childhood cancer diagnoses, equal to every 3 minutes a family hearing the words 'Your child has cancer'; and

WHEREAS, although the five-year survival rate for childhood cancers has reached 84 percent, nearly 1,500 American children under the age of nineteen still die each year from cancer, making it the leading fatal disease for children; and

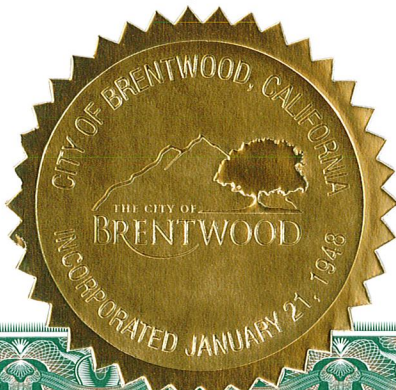
WHEREAS, two thirds of children that survive childhood cancers will face at least one chronic health condition later on in life; and

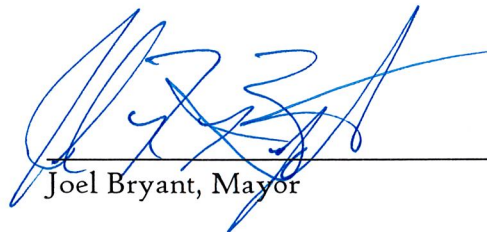
WHEREAS, the causes of childhood cancer are largely unknown, warranting research to understand which treatments work best for children; and

WHEREAS, it is vital that those affected by childhood cancer have access to quality, affordable care, and that research of all forms of childhood cancer continues to be vigorously supported.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the City Council of the City of Brentwood does hereby recognize September 2023 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and encourage all residents to learn more about childhood cancers and consider what we can do to support children with cancer and their families.

Dated this 22nd day of August, 2023





Joel Bryant, Mayor