



Denis Law Mayor

## Proclamation

*Whereas*, each year in the United States, more than 15,000 children from birth to 19 years old are diagnosed with cancer, equal to about 42 childhood cancer diagnoses each day; and

*Whereas*, each year worldwide, there are more than 300,000 new childhood cancer diagnoses, which means about every three minutes a family will hear the words “your child has cancer”; and

*Whereas*, although the five-year survival rate for childhood cancers has reached 80 percent, nearly 2,000 American children under the age of 19 still die each year from cancer, making it the leading killer of children by disease; and

*Whereas*, those that do survive will often face at least one chronic health condition later on in life, including but not limited to heart, liver, or lung damage, infertility, secondary cancers, and growth deficits; and

*Whereas*, the causes of childhood cancer are largely unknown and more studies are needed to understand which treatments work best for children as they often must differ from traditional adult treatments to take into account children’s developmental needs and other factors; and

*Whereas*, hundreds of children are being treated for cancer in Washington State; and

*Whereas*, Washington is a caring state and community that supports children and families;

*Now, therefore*, I, Denis Law, Mayor of the City of Renton, do hereby proclaim September 2019 to be

## *Childhood Cancer Awareness Month*

in the City of Renton, and I encourage all citizens to join me in this special observance.

*In witness whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Renton to be affixed this 16th day of September, 2019.

Denis Law, Mayor  
City of Renton, Washington

