

**CITY OF NIXA
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
STATE OF MISSOURI**

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, 15,000 children the ages of birth – 19 years old are diagnosed with cancer each year and the average age of a child diagnosed with cancer is 8 years old; and

WHEREAS, although pediatric cancer death rates have dropped by nearly 70% over the last 40 years, it is still the leading cause of death in children; and

WHEREAS, causes of most pediatric cancers remains unknown and there are no widely recommended screening tests to look for cancer in children who are not at an increased risk; and

WHEREAS, the most common types of childhood cancer include leukemia, brain cancer, and lymphoma; and

WHEREAS, there are many non-profit organizations at the local and national level that are helping children with cancer and their families cope through educational, emotional, and financial support; and

WHEREAS, we remember those who lost their lives to cancer far too young and honor the courageous children who bring unwavering strength and optimism to their fight against cancer every single day; and

WHEREAS, throughout this month, we take the opportunity to thank the many dedicated healthcare professionals, organizations and parent advocacy groups that support childhood cancer patients and families by offering advice, encouragement, hope, and financial assistance, and that work tirelessly to lift the spirits of children suffering from cancer.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Brian Steele, Mayor of the City of Nixa, Missouri, do hereby proclaim the month of September, 2022, as

"Childhood Cancer Awareness Month"

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Nixa, this 22nd day of August, 2022.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk