

Mayoral Proclamation

WHEREAS, forty-six children in the United States alone will be diagnosed with cancer each day, and one out of five children diagnosed with cancer will not survive the disease; and

WHEREAS, childhood cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among children and causes more deaths in children each year than AIDS, asthma, diabetes, cystic fibrosis and congenital anomalies combined; and

WHEREAS, the types of cancers that affect children are most often very different from those that affect adults and the causes of most childhood cancers remain largely unknown; and

WHEREAS, childhood cancer rates have been rising for the past few decades, and two-thirds of childhood cancer patients will develop long-lasting chronic conditions as a result of treatment; and

WHEREAS, it is critically important to conduct research and increase awareness regarding childhood cancer as less than four percent of the federal government's total funding for cancer research is dedicated to childhood cancers, the funding for childhood cancer research has steadily decreased since 2003, and childhood cancer research is vastly and consistently underfunded; and

WHEREAS, the County of Waukesha commends the Paxton Andrews Foundation for their efforts to provide children and families affected by childhood cancer with invaluable care and resources, and do so in honor of their inspiration, Paxton Bowe Andrews.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Steven V. Ponto, Mayor for the City of Brookfield, Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim September 2014 to be

CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Brookfield, and encourage all of our residents to help raise awareness of childhood cancer.



Signed and sealed this 18th day of
September, Two Thousand Fourteen.



Steven V. Ponto
City of Brookfield