



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection report cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among U.S. children between infancy and age 15. This tragic disease is detected in more than 16,000 of our country's young people every year; and

WHEREAS, one in five of our nation's children loses his or her battle with cancer. Many infants, children and teens will suffer from long-term effects of comprehensive treatment, including secondary cancers. An estimated 400,000 children and adolescents are diagnosed with cancer globally each year; and

WHEREAS, founded over thirty years ago by Steven Firestein, a member of the philanthropic branch of the Max Factor cosmetics family, the American Cancer Fund for Children, Inc., Kids Cancer Connection, Inc. along with Lions Clubs International are dedicated to helping these children and their families; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection provide a variety of vital patient psychosocial services to children undergoing cancer treatment at The Children's Hospital at Palms West, Palm Beach Children's Hospital at St. Mary's Medical Center, Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital in Hollywood, Salah Foundation Children's Hospital at Broward Health in Fort Lauderdale, Nicklaus Children's Hospital, Holtz Children's Hospital in Miami, Ronald McDonald House South Florida, as well as participating hospitals throughout the country, thereby enhancing the quality of life for these children and their families; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection also sponsor toy distributions, pet-assisted therapy, family sailing, KCC Supercar Experience, Laughternoon - Laughter is Healing, Music is Medicine, It's Magic - Nothing is Impossible, Home and Hospital instruction, art therapy and hospital celebrations in honor of a child's determination and bravery to fight the battle against childhood cancer.

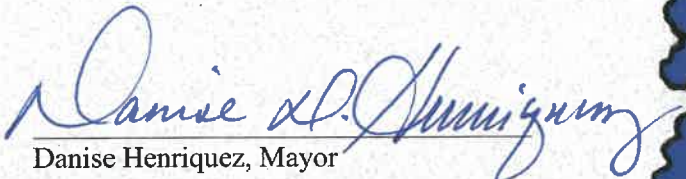
NOW, THEREFORE, I, DANISE HENRIQUEZ, MAYOR of the City of Key West, along with the entire Key West City Commission do hereby proclaim September 29, 2024 to October 5, 2024 as

CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS WEEK

in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States." I would like to urge all citizens, residents, and visitors of our Southernmost City to participate fittingly in this observation.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 12th day of September 2024.




Danise Henriquez, Mayor