



WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection report that cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among U.S. children between infancy and age 15. This disease is detected in more than 16,000 of our country's young people every year. An estimated 400,000 children and adolescents are diagnosed with cancer globally each year; and

WHEREAS, one in five of our nation's children lose their battle with cancer. Many infants, children and teens will suffer from long-term effects of comprehensive treatment, including secondary cancers; and

WHEREAS, founded nearly thirty years ago by Steven Firestein, the American Cancer Fund for Children, Inc., Kids Cancer Connection, Inc. and 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 participating hospitals throughout Florida and 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, family sailing programs, Laughternoon - Laughter is Healing, positive appearance programs, pet-assisted therapy, educational programs and hospital celebrations in honor of a child's determination and bravery to fight the battle against childhood cancer.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Teri Johnston, Mayor of the City of Key West and the entire City Commission of Key West, Florida, do hereby proclaim the week of September 25-October 1, 2022, as

CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS WEEK **in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States."**

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida,
this 20th day of September, 2022.

Teri Johnston, Mayor