

*Office of the Mayor
Foley, Alabama*

Proclamation

WHEREAS, this year, parents of nearly 16,000 children in the U.S. will hear the words: "Your child has cancer." One in five of those children won't survive. September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, and as a leader in the way the world understands, treats and defeats childhood cancer and other life-threatening diseases, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital® is rallying communities to join its lifesaving mission: Finding cures. Saving children ®; and

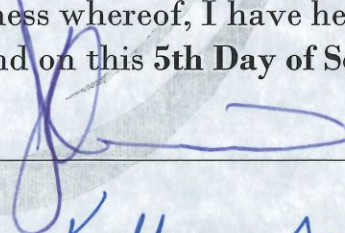
WHEREAS, despite significant progress made by St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, which has helped push the overall childhood cancer survival rate from 20 to more than 80 percent since the hospital opened in 1962, cancer remains the leading cause of death by disease for children under the age of 14. Each year about 175,000 children are diagnosed with cancer worldwide, and 60 percent of these kids don't have access to modern treatment; and

WHEREAS, during National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, let us tell the stories of the brave children who battle cancer every day and thank the loved ones, health care professionals, and communities who lift them up. Let us renew our commitment to prevent, treat, and cure childhood cancer, and together ensure that all children can experience the full and healthy upbringing they deserve.

NOW, THEREFORE, I John E. Koniar, Mayor, do hereby proclaim September 2017 as, "**Childhood Cancer Awareness Month**" and encourage all citizens, government agencies, private businesses, non-profit organizations, and other groups to join in activities that will increase awareness and prevention of childhood cancer.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand on this **5th Day of September,**
2017

Attest:


Kathryn Taylor

