

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
City & Borough of Sitka

# Proclamation

## *Childhood Cancer Awareness Month*

**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 15,000 of our country's young people each and every year.

**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; and

**WHEREAS**, founded over twenty years ago by Steven Firestein, a member of the philanthropic Max Factor family, the American Cancer Fund for Children, Inc. and Kids Cancer Connection, Inc. 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 Providence Alaska Medical Center in Anchorage, 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 nationwide Courageous Kid Recognition Award ceremonies and hospital celebrations in honor of a child's determination and bravery to fight the battle against childhood cancer.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka do hereby proclaim the month of September to be:

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*Signed and sealed on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August 2015.*



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Matthew Hunter, Deputy Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Sara Peterson, CMC  
Municipal Clerk