

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-008

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DECLARING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 26 – MARCH 4, 2023 AS CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS WEEK IN NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA.

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection have reported that cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among U.S. children between infancy and age 15; and

WHEREAS, this tragic disease is detected in over 16,000 of our country's young people each and every year; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 400,000 children and adolescents are diagnosed with cancer globally each and every year; and

WHEREAS, one in five of our nation's children loses 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, a member of the philanthropic branch of the Max Factor cosmetics family, the American Cancer Fund for Children, Inc. and 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 Kid's Cancer Connection provide a variety of vital patient psychosocial services to children undergoing cancer treatment at Wolfson Children's Hospital at Baptist Medical Center, Mayo Clinic Comprehensive Cancer Center, Nemours Children's Health/Cancer and Blood Disorders Center, Baptist-MD Anderson Center in Jacksonville, 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, family sailing programs, positive appearance programs, pet-assisted therapy, Laughteroon – Laughter is Healing, KCC Supercar Experience, educational programs, and hospital celebrations in honor of child’s determination and bravery to fight the battle against childhood cancer; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners recognizes the importance of organizations that provide services and support to youth and their families as they battle this terrible disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 15th day of February, 2023, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, that:

1. The Board encourages Nassau County residents to recognize the impact pediatric cancer has on families within our community and to honor the children who have fought this disease, as well as those whose lives were cut short by childhood cancer.
2. The Board proclaims the week of February 26 – March 4, 2023, as Government Professionals Week in Nassau County.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

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Its: Chairman

Attest as to Chairman's signature:



JOHN A. CRAWFORD
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the Nassau County
Attorney:



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