



# 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. An estimated 400,000 children and adolescents are diagnosed globally with cancer each 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; and*

***Whereas**, founded nearly 30 years ago by Steven Firestein, a member of the philanthropic Max Factor cosmetics family, 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 Children's Hospital Los Angeles, City of Hope National Medical Center, UCLA Mattel Children's Hospital, L.A. County-USC Medical Center, Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, UCLA Santa Monica Medical Center, as well as 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, educational programs, sailing programs, pet-assisted therapy, KCC Supercar Experience, "Laughternoon" - Laughter is Healing and hospital celebrations in honor of a child's determination and bravery to fight the battle against childhood cancer.*

***Now, therefore**, I, Ardashes Kassakhian, Mayor of the City of Glendale, proclaim September 2022 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.*

## **Childhood Cancer Awareness Month**

*Ardashes "Ardy" Kassakhian, Mayor*  
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