

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 21-0061R  
(Resolution)**

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Introduced by: Councilmember Ramos  
Introduced and adopted: September 13, 2021

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**A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING**

**Childhood Cancer Awareness Month**

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2 FOR the purpose of declaring September Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, honoring the  
3 children whose lives have been lost to cancer, offering condolences to the families of those  
4 children, celebrating survivors, and advocating for more research on the prevention and  
5 treatment of pediatric cancer.

**Recitals**

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7 In September 2019, Congress passed a resolution making September Childhood Cancer  
8 Awareness Month. According to the American Childhood Cancer Association, 1 in 285 children  
9 in the United States will be diagnosed with cancer before the age of 20 years old. Cancer is the  
10 leading cause of death by disease in American children. The causes of most pediatric cancers are  
11 unknown and likely not preventable. Each year, an estimated 15,780 children aged 0-19 in the  
12 United States alone will be diagnosed with a form of childhood cancer. Approximately 40,000  
13 American children are in active treatment at any given time.

14 Only 4% of all cancer research dollars are spent to cure cancer in children. The Children's  
15 Cancer Foundation, located here in Maryland, estimates that less money is spent on pediatric  
16 cancer research for than on the production of 1 major motion picture. Since 1980, hundreds of  
17 cancer drugs have been approved for adults, but only 12 have been approved for use in children,  
18 and only 3 have been developed specifically for children.

19 According to the National Cancer Institute, two-thirds of childhood cancer survivors are at  
20 risk for or experience side effects such as secondary cancers, heart damage, lung damage,  
21 infertility, chronic hepatitis, alterations in growth and development, impaired cognitive abilities,  
22 and psycho -social impairments like severe anxiety and behavioral problems. Families who have  
23 experienced or been affected by childhood cancer continue to advocate for more awareness,  
24 funding, and research for prevention and treatment. No parent deserves to hear those 4 horrible  
25 words, "Your child has cancer."

26 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the City  
27 Council declares September Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, honors the children whose  
28 lives have been lost to cancer, offers condolences to the families of those children, celebrates  
29 survivors, and advocates for more research on the prevention and treatment of pediatric cancer.

30 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor and the  
31 Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.  
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter deleted by amendment.