



Office of the Mayor

City of Sedro-Woolley

**Official Statement**

WHEREAS, each year in the United States more than 15,000 children from birth to 19 years old were diagnosed with cancer, equal to about 42 childhood cancer diagnoses each day; and

WHEREAS, each year worldwide, there are more than 300,000 new childhood cancer diagnoses, equal to about every 3 minutes a family will hear the words 'Your child has cancer'; and

WHEREAS, although the five-year survival rate for childhood cancers has reached 80 percent, nearly 2,000 American children under the age of nineteen still die each year from cancer, making it the leading killer of children by disease; and

WHEREAS, those that do survive will face at least one chronic health condition later on in life – not limited, but including – heart, liver, lung damage, infertility, secondary cancers and growth deficits; and

WHEREAS, the causes of childhood cancer are largely unknown and more studies are needed to understand which treatments work best for children; and

WHEREAS, cancer treatment for children often must differ from traditional adult treatments to take into account children's developmental needs and other factors; and

WHEREAS, children including Layla Beckstrand are among the hundreds of children being treated for cancer in Washington State; and

WHEREAS, Washington is a caring state and community that supports children and families;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Julia Johnson for the City of Sedro-Woolley, do hereby proclaim September 2018 as

**CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

Julia Johnson, Mayor

City of Sedro-Woolley, Washington