

*WHEREAS, childhood cancer is the #1 disease related killer of kids in the U.S. One in five children are terminal at diagnosis. Three in five suffer life altering impacts of treatment that significantly alter their quality of life. One in 285 children will be diagnosed with cancer before the age of 20.*

*WHEREAS, despite these facts, childhood cancer research is vastly and consistently underfunded. Less than 4% of the National Cancer Institute's Budget is solely dedicated to childhood cancer research. In 25 years the FDA has initially approved only two drugs for any childhood cancer and half of all chemotherapies used for children's cancers are over 25 years old.*

*WHEREAS, the incidence of childhood cancer is on the rise with an estimated 15,700 children diagnosed every year (43 per day) in the United State alone. Of those 43 children per day, 8 will die.*

*WHEREAS, the incidence of cancer among adolescents and young adults is increasing at a greater rate than any other age group, except those over 65 years of age and an estimated 2,900 children die each year of cancer in the United States alone. The average age of death for a child with cancer is 8, causing a child to lose 69 years of expected life.*

*WHEREAS, the causes of most childhood cancers are unknown and at the present, childhood cancer cannot be prevented, and families who are or have been in treatment work tirelessly to change these alarming statistics.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron Jensen, MayoCar of the City of Grand Prairie, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim September 2019 as*

### ***NATIONAL CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH***

*in the City of Grand Prairie, Texas, and encourage our community to join forces and lend strength to Texas families battling pediatric cancer.*

**WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS, ON THIS THE 17<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2019.**

  
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Ron Jensen  
Mayor