

**A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING
SEPTEMBER AS CHILDHOOD CANCER
AWARENESS MONTH IN BARNSTABLE
COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS**

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 15,000 of our country's young people each and every year.

WHEREAS, one in five of our nation's children loose 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, the American Cancer Fund for Children, Inc. and Kids Cancer Connection, Inc., founded over twenty years ago by Steven Firestein, a member of the philanthropic Max Factor family, 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 Boston Children's Hospital, UMass Memorial Medical Center in Worcester, 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 coordinates Courageous Kid Recognition Award ceremonies and hospital celebrations in honor of a child's determination and bravery to fight the battle against childhood cancer.

THEREFORE, the Board of Regional Commissioners of Barnstable County, Massachusetts adopts this Proclamation recognizing "September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in Barnstable County."

This Proclamation was adopted by the Board of Regional Commissioners of Barnstable County on August 5, 2015.

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