

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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Designating September 2026 as “National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Designating September 2026 as “National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month”.

Whereas each year almost 15,000 children and adolescents up to age 19 in the United States are diagnosed with cancer;

Whereas every year approximately 1,600 children and adolescents in the United States lose their lives to cancer;

Whereas cancer is the leading cause of death from disease for children and adolescents after infancy and one of the leading causes of death overall for children and adolescents in the United States;

Whereas the 5-year survival rate for children and adolescents with cancer in the United States has increased from 63 percent in the mid-1970s to more than 85 percent as of

the date of introduction of this resolution, representing a significant improvement from previous decades;

Whereas from 60 to more than 90 percent of children and adolescents in the United States who survive cancer will develop at least one chronic health condition, and some survivors may face a late effect from treatment that can be severe or life-threatening; and

Whereas childhood cancer occurs frequently and spares no racial or ethnic group, socioeconomic class, or geographic region: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates September 2026 as “National
3 Childhood Cancer Awareness Month”;

4 (2) requests that the Federal Government,
5 States, localities, and nonprofit organizations ob-
6 serve the month with appropriate programs and ac-
7 tivities, with the goal of increasing public knowledge
8 of the risks of childhood cancer;

9 (3) encourages survivors of childhood cancer to
10 continue to receive ongoing monitoring and care
11 throughout their adult lives;

12 (4) recognizes the human toll of childhood can-
13 cer and pledges to make the prevention of and cure
14 for childhood cancer a public health priority;

15 (5) reminds the people of the United States of
16 the bravery of children who are diagnosed with can-
17 cer; and

- 1 (6) commends and honors the courage of such
- 2 children.