



PROCLAMATION
Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

WHEREAS: each year, approximately 237 Alberta children will be diagnosed with cancer and approximately 26 of those children will not make it;

WHEREAS: childhood cancer is the number one cause of disease-related deaths in Canadian children;

WHEREAS: 88 per cent of children diagnosed with cancer will survive, but more than 75 per cent of those children will live with permanent side-effects, which may include, but are not limited to, deafness, blindness, growth issues, motor impairments, cognitive difficulties, heart, kidney and fertility issues, psychological, neurological or endocrine disorders; and

WHEREAS: September of each year is now officially recognized as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in Alberta and across North America, and childhood cancer is the number one cause of disease-related deaths in Canadian children;

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NOW THEREFORE, I, Peter Brown, Mayor declares September 2024 as **Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in Airdrie** and will illuminate City Hall in gold lights on September 1, 2024, in support of children and their families fighting cancer.

Dated this 15th day of August 2024.

Mayor

