

South Portland City Council
Position Paper of the City Manager

Subject:

RESOLVE #10-17/18 – Proclaiming the month of September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Passage requires majority vote.

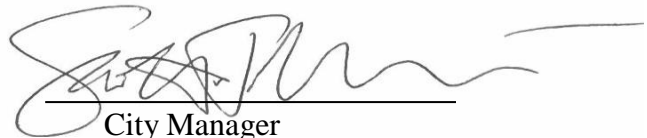
POSITION:

This proclamation is brought forward at the request of Hailey Steward, of Bethel, ME, who has been diagnosed with terminal cancer. Haley was five years old when the family was informed of her first cancer diagnosis. Currently, at age 10, Hailey is battling cancer for the third time.

Hailey is requesting all cities and towns in the State of Maine to adopt this proclamation to put a spotlight on the types of cancer that largely affect children.

REQUESTED ACTION:

Council passage of Resolve #10-17/18.



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**IN CITY COUNCIL
RESOLVE #10-17/18**

RESOLVED, that the City of South Portland hereby adopts the following Proclamation:

BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY OF SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE, THAT:

WHEREAS, cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among U.S. children and is detected in more than 15,000 of our country's sons and daughters every year; and

WHEREAS, and families annually, where more than 400 children are undergoing treatment currently and where we are ranked in the top range of incidence of all cancers at 468.3 per 100,000 people; and

WHEREAS, September is nationally recognized as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, thanks to ongoing advances in research and treatment, the five-year survival rate for all childhood cancers has climbed from less than 50 percent to 80 percent over the last several decades; and

WHEREAS, innovative studies are leading to real breakthroughs reminding us of the importance of supporting scientific discovery and moving closer to finding cures, though much work remains to be done; and

WHEREAS, 1 and 5 children diagnosed will not survive, during National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month we remember the many children who have been taken from us too soon and we extend our support to all those who continue to battle this illness with incredible strength and courage.

BE IT THEREFORE PROCLAIMED, that the City of South Portland, of the State of Maine, will help Maine Go Gold in support of Team Hailey Hugs and All of the children and families affected by Childhood Cancer and in doing so from this day forward

recognize September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. This is our way of paying tribute to the families, friends, professionals and communities who lend their strength to children fighting pediatric cancer.

Sealed with the Seal of the City of South Portland, Maine, on this Twenty-first Day of August in the Year Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Patricia A. Smith, Mayor