

August 30, 2023, Resolution #17-284/2023 of the Town Board of the Town of Henrietta, County of Monroe, State of New York.

WHEREAS, Childhood Cancer continues to take a horrible toll on our community and the country at large, and continues to be the leading cause of death for children, with a yearly average of about 10,500 children under age 15 being diagnosed with cancer across the country, including 48 local children in 2022; and

WHEREAS, major advances in treatment has seen that 85% of children with cancer now survive 5 years and more, which is a significant increase since the 1970s when the 5-year survival rate was about 58%; but even with those advances, it still means that tragically one child in six will not survive their cancer, including 10 sweet souls in our community who lost their battle – and one child dying is one too many; and

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to support efforts by C.U.R.E. Childhood Cancer Association and others to bring awareness to this dreaded affliction, to let parents and children facing this disease know they are not alone, and to encourage research and funding to help fight this disease.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Henrietta Town Board declares September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in the Town of Henrietta in the hopes of helping parents and children facing this disease find some comfort from and with others who are facing the same challenges and to call for increased funding and research towards ending or at least reducing the death toll from this dreaded affliction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Henrietta Town Board will be adding golden ribbons and awareness messages to their digital signage at Town facilities and encourages anyone able to do so, to change their exterior lights to gold during the month or at least during the week of September 17th through September 24th as part of the Go Gold to show support for the children battling cancer.

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