



PORT COLBORNE

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WHEREAS Over 800 children under the age of 15 are diagnosed with cancer each year in Canada; and

WHEREAS 1 in 330 children will be diagnosed with cancer before their 18th birthday; and

WHEREAS Childhood cancer is the leading cause of death by disease of Canadian children; and

WHEREAS there are over 200 types of childhood cancers not including subtypes and mutations; and

WHEREAS childhood cancer places a tremendous financial burden on families; and

WHEREAS Over 75% of childhood cancer survivors live with at least one chronic health condition and a third of these are severe or life-threatening; and

WHEREAS little is known about what causes childhood cancer which limits the opportunities for prevention; and

WHEREAS additional awareness and funding for childhood cancer is needed as only 5 cents from every research dollar goes toward childhood cancer research; and

WHEREAS annually, September is recognized as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month by the Province of Ontario; and

NOW THEREFORE I, Mayor William C. Steele, do hereby proclaim September 2024 as “**Childhood Cancer Awareness Month**” in the City of Port Colborne.

AND FURTHER we ask that all residents learn more about childhood cancer and how to support those children who are afflicted and their families who are helping these heroes in their fight to live and live well.

William C. Steele
Mayor