



Mayoral Proclamation

- 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** September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, a time to honor and remember the children whose young lives were taken too soon and the families facing childhood cancer today to help rally support to give kids with cancer better outcomes; 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, but help does not come soon enough for many of our sons and daughters and too many families suffer pain and devastating loss; 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** National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month helps us to remember the many children who have been taken too soon and to extend our support to all those who continue to battle this illness with incredible strength and courage,

Now therefore, I, Nicholas Isgro, Mayor of Waterville, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of September, 2017, as

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

in honor of 10 year old Hailey Steward, a Maine native who has been fighting Leukemia for the past 5 years, and recently learned she is terminal. Hailey and her mother have spearheaded a Go Gold Maine campaign to do everything possible to help families like theirs through the hardest part of their journey with Childhood Cancer.

In Witness Whereof, I do hereby set my hand and seal this 5th day of July, Two thousand and seventeen.

Nicholas Isgro, Mayor