

**\*Section 3: Proclamation Template**

WHEREAS, *46 school age children will be diagnosed with cancer each day; and*

WHEREAS, *one out of five children diagnosed with cancer will not survive the disease; and*

WHEREAS, *the types of cancers that affect children are most often very different from those that affect adults; and*

WHEREAS, *childhood cancer spares no socioeconomic, ethnic, racial or geographic class; and,*

WHEREAS, *pediatric cancer is the leading cause of death by disease in U.S. children under 15 years of age; and,*

WHEREAS, *the causes of most pediatric cancers remain largely unknown and are not strongly linked to lifestyle, unlike adult cancers; and,*

WHEREAS, *two-thirds of childhood cancer patients will develop long-lasting chronic conditions as a result of treatment that prevent them from fully participating in school, social activities and work; and,*

WHEREAS, *childhood cancer rates have been rising for the past few decades, and the incidence of invasive pediatric cancers is up to 29% in the past 20 years; and,*

WHEREAS, *cancer kills more children than AIDS, asthma, cystic fibrosis, diabetes, and muscular dystrophy combined; and,*

WHEREAS, *in the last 25 years, only two drugs have been specifically developed for children's cancer and in 20 years the FDA has initially approved only one drug for any childhood cancer; and,*

WHEREAS, *less than 5 percent of the federal government's total funding for cancer research is dedicated to childhood cancers, and only about 3 percent of funds raised for the National Cancer Institute go directly to pediatric cancer research; and,*

WHEREAS, *the funding for pediatric cancer research has gone down steadily since 2003; and,*

WHEREAS, *despite the facts, childhood cancer research is vastly and consistently underfunded; and,*

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WHEREAS, *despite major advances in treatment, it is still critically important to conduct research and increase awareness regarding pediatric cancer.*

NOW, THEREFORE, *I, Jonathan Rothschild, Mayor of the City of Tucson, Arizona, do hereby proclaim **SEPTEMBER 2014** to be*

***CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH***

*in this community, and encourage all of our citizens to help raise awareness of pediatric cancer and its victims.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Tucson to be affixed this **[DAY]** day of **[MONTH]** 2014.*