PROCLAMATION



"Childhood Cancer Awareness Week" June 23 – June 29, 2013

WHEREAS: the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection report that cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among U.S. children between infancy and the age of 15. This tragic disease is detected in nearly 15,000 of our country's young people each and every year; and

WHEREAS: one in five of our nation's children lose his or her battle with cancer. Many infants, children and teens will suffer from long-term effects of comprehensive treatment, including secondary cancers; and

WHEREAS: founded twenty years ago by Steven Firestein, a member of the philanthropic Max Factor family, the American Cancer Fund for Children, Inc. and Kids Cancer Connection, Inc. are dedicated to helping these children and their families; and

WHEREAS: the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection provide a variety of patient psychosocial services to children undergoing cancer treatment at Seattle's Children Hospital, Mary Bridge Children's Hospital in Tacoma, as well as participating hospitals throughout the country, thereby enhancing the quality of life for these children and their families; and

WHEREAS: the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection also sponsor nationwide Courageous Kid recognition award ceremonies and hospital celebrations in honor of a child's determination and bravery to fight the battle against childhood cancer;

NOW, THEREFORE the Kittitas County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim June 23 through June 29, 2013 as

CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS WEEK

in Kittitas County, and urge all citizens to join us in this special observance.

Proclaimed this 21st day of May 2013.

	BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
	Obie O'Brien, Chairman
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