

PROCLAMATION

PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 2025 AS CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

WHEREAS, childhood cancer remains the leading cause of disease-related death for children in the United States; and

WHEREAS, approximately 200 children are diagnosed with cancer each year in the state of Alabama, joining the more than 15,000 children diagnosed nationwide; and

WHEREAS, the causes of childhood cancers are largely unknown, and though new research is being conducted, rates of childhood cancer have continued to rise over the last 50 years by over 40 percent; and

WHEREAS, every 3 minutes, somewhere in the world a family hears the devastating words that their child has been diagnosed with cancer; and

WHEREAS, increased awareness of the signs and symptoms of childhood cancer can lead to earlier detection, when treatment may be most effective; and

WHEREAS, the Baldwin County Commission acknowledges the precious lives of children fighting this disease, the resilience they demonstrate each day, and honors the memories of the young souls taken far too soon; now therefore

BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION, IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, that September 2025 is hereby set aside as "Childhood Cancer Awareness Month" in Baldwin County, Alabama, to increase awareness and show support for the thousands of children with cancer and their families who face the tremendous challenges of childhood cancer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of Baldwin County, Alabama, to be affixed on this the 16th day of September 2025.

Commissioner James E. Ball	Commissioner Matthew P. McKenzie
Vice Chairman	Chairman
Commissioner Billie Jo Underwood	Commissioner Charles F. Gruber