MICHIGAN SENATE

Senate Resolution No. 67

Offered by Senators Geiss, Santana, Bayer, Irwin, Wojno, McMorrow, Polehanki, Shink, Cherry, Brinks, Chang and Moss

A RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE SEPTEMBER 2025 AS CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, According to the American Childhood Cancer Organization, an estimated 15,780 children between the ages of birth through 19 are diagnosed with cancer each year; and

WHEREAS, In 2025 alone, an estimated 9,550 new cases have been diagnosed; and

WHEREAS, Our goal is to spread and increase awareness about childhood cancer, which is the leading cause of death by disease for children under the age of 14; and

WHEREAS, We honor the extraordinary resilience, courage, and strength of those who this harmful and devastating disease has affected; and

WHEREAS, Children's cancer affects all ethnic, gender, and socio-economic groups; and

WHEREAS, Since the mid-1970s, significant advancements have been made in the fight against childhood cancer. Due to major treatment strides in recent decades, more than 85 percent of children with cancer now survive five years or more; and

WHEREAS, Increased awareness, support, and research will help to continue to improve these outcomes and protect children from these serious diseases; and

WHEREAS, We must renew our commitment to curing cancer and offer our support to the brave, young children who are fighting these diseases every day; and

WHEREAS, To honor the memory of every young person lost to cancer, we must unite behind improved treatment, enhanced research and data, and brighter futures for young people; and

WHEREAS, We commend the incredible strength, perseverance, and optimism of the families and friends of children who suffer from these devastating diseases; and

WHEREAS, We acknowledge and praise the medical professionals, researchers, and other helping hands who dedicate their time to search for newer and safer treatments and cures; and

WHEREAS, All children deserve the chance to be healthy and find joy and fulfillment in their childhoods, as they deserve the chance to realize their full potential and grow into adults; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body designate September 2025 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

Adopted by the Senate, September 10, 2025.

Secretary of the Senate