

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 712

WHEREAS, Each year, an average of 1,200 Texas children and adolescents learn that they have some form of cancer; and

WHEREAS, A diagnosis of childhood cancer is news that no family can prepare for or envision receiving, and it is too often the first step on a frightening, uncertain, and costly road; and

WHEREAS, Texas is fortunate to be home to numerous hospitals that are a part of the Children's Oncology Group, a network of medical centers working to develop the next wave of lifesaving treatments; together, these institutions are considered to be the world's pediatric cancer experts; and

WHEREAS, These hospitals are: in San Antonio, Methodist Children's Hospital, The University of Texas Health Science Center, Children's Hospital of San Antonio, and Brooke Army Medical Center; in Houston, MD Anderson Cancer Center and Texas Children's Hospital; in Dallas, Children's Medical Center of Dallas, Medical City Dallas Hospital, and The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center; and Dell Children's Medical Center of Central Texas in Austin, Cook Children's Medical Center in Fort Worth, El Paso Children's Hospital, Driscoll Children's Hospital in Corpus Christi, Scott & White Memorial Hospital in Temple, and Covenant Children's Hospital in Lubbock; and

WHEREAS, A calendar month has been dedicated to each type of cancer to help promote awareness and support for those affected, and September is the month set aside to highlight childhood cancer; and

WHEREAS, The advancement of medical knowledge and the collaboration of many individuals and organizations are pivotal to the search for a cure, and the observance of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month encourages Texans to affirm their commitment to that important effort; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby recognize September 2015 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and commend all those who are involved in the fight to end this devastating disease.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 5, 2015.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate