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**PROCLAMATION**

**CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH  
SEPTEMBER 2021**

**WHEREAS:** *Childhood Cancer is the number one disease killer of children in Canada, killing more children between the ages of one and twenty than Asthma, Diabetes, Cystic Fibrosis and AIDS combined. Every 2 minutes a child is diagnosed with cancer around the world every year.*

**AND WHEREAS:** *Every year more than 1700 children are diagnosed with Cancer in Canada;*

**AND WHEREAS:** *Every year in Canada over 300 children under the age of 20 years will lose their lives to cancer;*

**AND WHEREAS:** *Of the children who survive their initial cancer most will develop lifetime side effects and are much more likely to develop another form of malignant cancer;*

**AND WHEREAS:** *The mental health of children and youth with cancer including their families should be paramount, and support attainable;*

**AND WHEREAS:** *Our children are our most precious resource and are truly valued by all peoples of British Columbia.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Michelle Staples of the City of Duncan, British Columbia, do hereby proclaim September 2021 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Duncan.**

*Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day  
of September, 2021.*

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michelle Staples".

*Michelle Staples, Mayor*