



PROCLAMATION

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

- 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; and*
- WHEREAS** *every 2 minutes a child is diagnosed with cancer around the world every year; and*
- WHEREAS** *every year in Canada more than 1,700 children are diagnosed with cancer; 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, do hereby proclaim September 2025 as “Childhood Cancer Awareness Month” in the City of Duncan.**

Dated this 28th day of July, 2025.

Michelle Staples, Mayor