

## PROCLAMATION

Proclaim Childhood Cancer Awareness Week in Manassas Park during the week of July 31 through August 6, 2011.

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection report cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among children in the United States. This tragic disease is detected in nearly 15,000 of our nation's young people each and every year; and

WHEREAS, founded nearly twenty years ago by Steven A. F. Firestein, a member of the philanthropic Max Factor family, the American Cancer Fund for Children, Inc. and sister organization, Kids Cancer Connection, Inc. are dedicated to helping these children and their families; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection provide a variety of vital patient psychosocial services to children undergoing cancer treatment at the Children's National Medical Center: Division of Hematology/Oncology, Walter Reed Army Medical Center: Department of Pediatrics; Division of Hematology/Oncology in Washington, D.C., as well as participating hospitals throughout the country, thereby enhancing the quality of life for these children and their families; and

WHEREAS, through its uniquely sensitive and comforting Magical Caps for Kids program, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection distributes thousands of beautifully hand made caps and decorated baseball caps to children who want to protect their heads following the trauma of chemotherapy, surgery and/or radiation treatments; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection also sponsor nationwide Courageous Kid recognition award ceremonies and hospital celebrations in honor of a child's determination and bravery to fight the battle against childhood cancer.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body meeting in regular session on Tuesday, July 19, 2011 does proclaim the week of July 31 through August 6, 2011 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Week.

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Frank Jones, Mayor

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