

P R O C L A M A T I O N

CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children Inc. and Kids Cancer Connection Inc. report cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among U.S. children between infancy and age 15; and

WHEREAS, this tragic disease is detected in nearly 15,000 of our country's young people each year and one in five of our nation's children loses his or her battle with cancer with many infants, children and teens suffering from long-term effects of comprehensive treatment, including secondary cancers; and

WHEREAS, founded over 20 years ago by Steven Firestein, a member of the philanthropic Max Factor cosmetics family, the American Cancer Fund for Children Inc. and Kids Cancer Connection Inc. are dedicated to helping these children and their families; and

WHEREAS, they provide a variety of vital patient psychosocial services to children undergoing cancer treatment at the University of Iowa Children's Hospital in Iowa City, Blank Children's Hospital in Des Moines, as well as participating hospitals throughout the country, thereby enhancing the quality of life for these children and their families; and

WHEREAS, they also sponsor Courageous Kid Recognition Award presentations, community Get Well cards and hospital celebrations in honor of a child's determination and bravery to fight the battle against childhood cancer.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DeWayne Hopkins, Mayor of the City of Muscatine, Iowa, do hereby proclaim June 7-13, 2015 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Week in the City of Muscatine.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name to be affixed this 21st day of May, 2015.

DeWayne Hopkins, Mayor