

## ***Mayoral Proclamation***

# November 23-29, 2014: Childhood Cancer Awareness Week in Windsor Heights

**WHEREAS**, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection report cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among U.S. children between infancy and age 15. This tragic disease is detected in more than 15,000 of our country's young people each and every year;

**WHEREAS**, one in five of our nation's children loses his or her battle with cancer. Many infants, children and teens will suffer from long-term effects of comprehensive treatment, including secondary cancers; and

**WHEREAS**, founded over twenty years ago by Steven Firestein, a member of the philanthropic Max Factor family, the American Cancer Fund for Children, Inc. and 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 Blank Children's Hospital in Des Moines, University of Iowa Children's Hospital in Iowa City, as well as participating hospitals throughout the country, thereby enhancing the quality of life for these children and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection also sponsor Courageous Kid Recognition Award ceremonies, 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, Diana Willits, Mayor of Windsor Heights, do hereby proclaim November 23-29, 2014 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Week in Windsor Heights.

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2014

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Diana Willits, Mayor

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Steve Peterson, Councilmember

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Dave Burgess, Councilmember

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Charlene Butz, Councilmember

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Betty Glover, Councilmember

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Tony Timm, Councilmember