

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 2017 AS  
CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

**BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
SCHUYLKILL VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

*Whereas, cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among U.S. children and is detected in more than 262,000 of our sons and daughters worldwide every year, and*

*Whereas, September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, a time to honor and remember the children whose young lives were taken too soon and the families facing childhood cancer today to help rally support to give kids with cancer better outcomes; and*

*Whereas, thanks to ongoing advances in research and treatment, the five year survival rate for all childhood cancers has climbed from less than 50 percent to 80 percent over the last several decades but help does not come soon enough for many of our sons and daughters and too many families suffer pain and devastating loss; and*

*Whereas, innovative studies are leading to real breakthroughs reminding us of the importance of supporting scientific discovery and moving closer to finding cures but much work remains to be done; and*

*Whereas, 1 in 5 children diagnosed will not survive, during National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month we remember the many children who have been taken from us too soon and we extend our support to all those who continue to battle this illness with incredible strength and courage.*

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Schuylkill Valley School District, Board of School Directors, proclaim that the district will help Pennsylvania Go Gold in support of All of the children and families affected by Childhood Cancer and in doing so recognize September 2017 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, with specific recognition on September 29, 2017, so we may properly pay tribute to the families, friends, professionals and communities who lend their strength to the brave children fighting pediatric cancer across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

*Adopted this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.*

*Signed,*



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