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A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, DECLARING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER AS NATIONAL CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Whereas, each September across our great nation we commemorate National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month to bring attention to the caregivers, charities and groups who spotlight the importance of the need for research and awareness to aid in finding cures for pediatric cancer; and

Whereas, childhood cancer spares no socioeconomic, ethnic, racial or geographic class and every year almost 13,000 children under the age of 21 are diagnosed with cancer; and

Whereas, although the causes of pediatric cancer are still largely unknown, statistics indicate that a quarter of those diagnosed will not survive the disease; and

Whereas, in the last 25 years only two drugs have been specifically developed for children's cancer, and during the last decade the funding for pediatric cancer has been going down with less than 5% of the federal governments' total funding for cancer research dedicated to pediatric cancer and only 3% of funds raised on behalf of the National Cancer Institute scheduled to go directly to pediatric cancer research; and

Whereas, in September we pay tribute to the families, friends, professionals and communities who lend their strength to children fighting pediatric cancer, we remember the young lives taken and dedicate our energies to combating pediatric cancer; and

Whereas, in 1997 gold was chosen as the ribbon color for universal awareness of pediatric cancer, with the objective of putting a spotlight on the types of cancer that affect children, survivorship issues and the importance of raising funds for research and family support.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the Borough of Mount Arlington hereby joins with the Frances Foundation in recognition of the need for increased pediatric cancer awareness by declaring the month of September 2013 as "September is Go Gold Month."
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders and all municipalities in the County of Morris, requesting they adopt and distribute similar resolutions.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Borough Council of Borough of Mount Arlington at a regular meeting held on October 1, 2013.

Linda DeSantis, RMC
Municipal Clerk

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