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Designating September 2023 as “National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. REED, Mr. CASEY, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. HAWLEY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on

RESOLUTION

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Whereas, each year, more than 15,500 children under the age of 19 in the United States are diagnosed with cancer;

Whereas, every year, more than 1,700 children in the United States lose their lives to cancer;

Whereas childhood cancer is the leading cause of death from disease and the second leading cause of death overall for children in the United States;

Whereas the 5-year survival rate for children with cancer in the United States has increased from 58 percent in the mid-1970s to 85 percent in 2023, representing a significant improvement from previous decades;

Whereas approximately $\frac{2}{3}$ of children in the United States who survive cancer will develop at least one chronic health condition, and many survivors will face a late effect from treatment that can be severe or life-threatening; and

Whereas childhood cancer occurs regularly and randomly and spares no racial or ethnic group, socioeconomic class, or geographic region: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates September 2023 as “National
3 Childhood Cancer Awareness Month”;

4 (2) requests that the Federal Government,
5 States, localities, and nonprofit organizations ob-
6 serve the month with appropriate programs and ac-
7 tivities, with the goal of increasing public knowledge
8 of the risks of cancer;

9 (3) encourages survivors of childhood cancer to
10 continue to receive ongoing monitoring and physical
11 and psychosocial care throughout their adult lives;

12 (4) recognizes the human toll of cancer and
13 pledges to make the prevention of and cure for can-
14 cer a public health priority;

15 (5) reminds the people of the United States of
16 the bravery of children who are diagnosed with can-
17 cer; and

18 (6) commends and honors the courage of such
19 children.