



**Office of the Selectmen  
Town of Rye, New Hampshire**

**Proclamation**

**Whereas:** September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and advocates, non-profits, health care professionals, researchers, and the families impacted want the people of Rye to understand the stark reality that children facing cancer experience every day; and

**Whereas:** Cancer is the leading cause of death by disease for American children and adolescents in the United States. Approximately 46 children per day or 16,790 children per year are diagnosed with cancer. Over 40,000 children are currently in treatment; and

**Whereas:** Childhood Cancer Awareness Month was created in 1999 as a time to raise awareness for the cause, remember the children we've lost, and engage new advocates to join in the mission of achieving a day when every child diagnosed with cancer can live a long and healthy life; and

**Whereas:** In the last 30 years, there have only been six new drugs approved by the FDA to specifically treat childhood cancer. Two-thirds of childhood cancer patients will have long lasting chronic health conditions as a result of their treatment toxicity from outdated drugs originally developed for use in adults; and


**Whereas:** Numerous Rye families and children have been affected personally by childhood cancer and have experienced the harsh reality that it is. As a community, it is our duty to support these families and children as they walk through diagnosis, treatment, and beyond.

Now, therefore, I, Tom King, Chairman of the Select Board of The Town of Rye, on behalf of the members of the Select Board and the residents of Rye, do hereby proclaim

**September 2023 as  
"Childhood Cancer Awareness Month"**

in the Town of Rye and urge the community to pause and remember the children we have lost to this terrible disease, and work to support the effort to find new therapies to treat and defeat pediatric cancer so children not only survive cancer but thrive.

Given with my hand and the Seal of the Town of Rye on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023.

  
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Tom King, Chairman of the Rye Select Board

