## PROCLAMATION OF THE

## SEMINOLE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 2025 AS PEDIATRIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA

WHEREAS, pediatric cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among children in the United States, with thousands of children diagnosed each year; and

WHEREAS, despite advances in medical research, one in five children diagnosed with cancer in the United States will lose their battle with cancer; and

WHEREAS, pediatric cancer affects not only the child, but also their families, friends, and communities, requiring comprehensive support services to address emotional, financial, and medical challenges; and

WHEREAS, September is recognized nationwide as Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month, symbolized by the gold ribbon, to honor the courage of children fighting cancer, remember those who have lost their lives, and support the survivors who face lifelong health challenges; and

WHEREAS, Runway to Hope was founded in 2010 with the mission to support families primarily in Central Florida, fighting pediatric cancer, while seeking a cure; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, Runway to Hope created the Family Assistance Program which continues to provide direct emergency financial assistance to fill the gap when families combating this devastating disease need it the most.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that we, the Seminole County Board of County Commissioners do hereby proclaim September 2025 as

## PEDIATRIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in Seminole County, Florida.

**ADOPTED** this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August 2025



Jay Zembower, Chairman Seminole County, Board of County Commissioners