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Designating September 2020 as “National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

RESOLUTION

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Whereas each year more than 15,700 children in the United States, and more than 300,000 children under the age of 19 globally, are diagnosed with cancer;

Whereas every year more than 1,700 children in the United States, and 328,000 children under the age of 19 globally, lose their lives to cancer;

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

Whereas the 5-year survival rate for children with cancer has increased from 58 percent in the mid-1970s to 84 per-

cent in 2020, representing significant improvement from previous decades;

Whereas $\frac{2}{3}$ of children who survive cancer will develop at least 1 chronic health condition, and $\frac{1}{4}$ of all survivors will face a late-effect from treatment that could be considered severe or life-threatening;

Whereas cancer patients face a higher risk of contracting the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) due to a weakened immune system; and

Whereas 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 2020 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 and cure of cancer
14 a public health priority; and

1 (5) reminds the people of the United States
2 that these children are the definition of bravery, and
3 commends and honors their courage.