

RESOLUTION 2017-18

**PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 25, 2017 AS MAYA COLLINS DAY
AS PART OF CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, Maya Collins, a 14-year old girl has been battling Acute Myeloid Leukemia since 2011, which is a rare leukemia in children; and

WHEREAS, Maya Collins has had three bone marrow transplants; two from unrelated donors who are now great friends of Maya and her family, and her third transplant from her dad; and

WHEREAS, Maya enjoys vlogging her journey at St. Jude's Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, so others will see what it's like to fight childhood cancer through the eyes of a child; and

WHEREAS, due to Maya's fight against Acute Myeloid Leukemia, thousands of dollars have been raised by her family, friends, and supporters for childhood cancer research; and

WHEREAS, Leukemia is the most common cancer in children and teens, and each day 42 families in the United States will receive the devastating news that their child or teen has cancer; and

WHEREAS, the causes of childhood cancer are largely unknown, therefore studies are needed to understand what treatments work best; and

WHEREAS, unlike adults, children's cancers require special treatments and the support of family members, friends, and the community; and

WHEREAS, Maya Collins is cancer free but continues fighting health issues and has shown great courage and spirit in her brave battle against Acute Myeloid Leukemia; and

WHEREAS, Maya Collins is an inspiration to students, teachers, public officials, her healthcare workers, and our entire community; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Mason, Ohio, six members elected thereto concurring:

Section 1 The City of Mason recognizes Maya Collins as an outstanding citizen with great courage, tenacity, and advocacy for children and families battling cancer.

Section 2 That the Council of the City of Mason hereby designates and proclaims September 25, 2017 as Maya Collins Day.

Section 3 That this Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed this 25th day of September, 2017.

Mayor Victor Kidd

Attest:

Lisa Ahr
Clerk of Council