

RESOLUTION 2016 - 12

RECOGNITION OF MASON CITY SCHOOLS AND THE LEUKEMIA & LYMPHOMA SOCIETY'S MISSION TO BUILD A WORLD WITHOUT BLOOD CANCER

WHEREAS, an individual is newly diagnosed with blood cancer in the world every three minutes and as there are no means of preventing or screening for most blood cancers, the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) focuses on finding cures and has invested more than \$1 billion in research to advance lifesaving treatments and cures; and

WHEREAS, LLS does more than any health non-profit organization to advance cures and access for blood cancer patients, there are still 1.2 million people in the United States living with or in remission with more than a third not surviving five years after diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, since 2003 Mason City Schools have donated over half a million dollars and the District's Student Series program has for 15 years offered service learning, character education, and philanthropic activity that provides a unique experience in helping thousands of children and adults in their fight against blood cancers like leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease, and myeloma; and

WHEREAS, William Mason High School was recognized as the 2016 Top LLS Student Series School in the nation, #1 Overall Top Student Series School in the Tristate, and #1 Student Series High School in the Tristate when the National Honor Society's Pasta for Pennies inspired the entire Mason High School student body with organized activities, races, and an extremely effective viral video; and

WHEREAS, Mason Middle School National Junior Honor Society's Pasta for Pennies Campaign, with a high level of community support from local businesses, raised over \$22,000, and Mason Middle School was recognized as the #2 Overall Top Student Series School and #1 Middle School in the Tristate Chapter; and

WHEREAS, Mason Intermediate School students, inspired by classmates who are blood cancer survivors, supported LLS with over \$2000 raised in 60 minutes by using the Kona Ice Fundraising tool and was recognized as the LLS Student Series #3 Overall Top School in the Tristate and #1 Intermediate/Middle School in the Tristate Chapter; and

WHEREAS, Mason City Schools strive to empower students and foster individual excellence by creating a learning culture that inspires innovation, leadership, and global understanding that is evident through teamwork, collaboration, and dedication to building a world without blood cancer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Council of the City of Mason, Ohio, ___ members elected thereto concurring:

Section 1. That the Council of the City of Mason hereby designates and proclaims June 13, 2016 as "Comet Cure Day" in Mason, Ohio.

Section 2. That on this day, the City of Mason recognizes and thanks Mason City School staff and students for inspiring their peers, community, and schools across the country to dream big, be brave, and never give up until the words are published: Cancer Cured, Someday is Today!

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

Passed this 13th day of June, 2016.

Mayor

Attest:

Clerk of Council