



## PROCLAMATION

### ***National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month***

**WHEREAS**, families, caregivers, charities and research groups across the United States are observing September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month to memorialize the young lives that were taken too soon and honor the survivors who face chronic health challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, each year, thousands of children face the battle against cancer with inspiring hope and incredible bravery; and

**WHEREAS**, the devotion of parents, grandparents, loved ones, and friends creates a treasured network of support for these courageous children; and

**WHEREAS**, over the past few decades we have made great strides in the fight against pediatric cancer although it is still the leading cause of death for young Americans between infancy and age 15; and

**WHEREAS**, thanks to significant advances in treatment over the last 30 years, the combined 5-year survival rate for children with cancer increased by more than 20 percentage points; and

**WHEREAS**, we celebrate the progress made in treatment and recovery, and we rededicate ourselves to fighting this disease so all children may have the chance to live a full and healthy life; and

**WHEREAS**, all children deserve the chance to dream, discover, and realize their full potential. We extend our support to young people fighting for that opportunity, and we recognize all who commit themselves to advancing the journey toward a cancer-free world.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Mayor Joseph Blundo, and the Township Council of the Township of River Vale, do hereby proclaim September 2013 as "National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month." I encourage all residents to support this cause by reaffirming our commitment to fighting childhood cancer.

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