

**PROCLAMATION: RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 23rd - 29th AS CHILDHOOD
CANCER AWARENESS WEEK IN THE TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY**

The Town Board of the Town of Pleasant Valley offers the following and moves its adoption:

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection report cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among U.S. children between infancy and age 15 and this tragic disease is detected in nearly 15,000 of our country's young people each and every year; and

WHEREAS, one in five of our nation's children loses his or her battle with cancer and many infants, children and teens will suffer from long-term effects of comprehensive treatment, including secondary cancers; and

WHEREAS, founded over twenty years ago by Steven Firestein, a member of the philanthropic Max Factor cosmetics family, the American Cancer Fund for Children, Inc. and Kids Cancer Connection, Inc. are dedicated to helping these children and their families; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection provide a variety of vital patient psychosocial services to children undergoing cancer treatment at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in NYC, Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital in NYC, as well as participating hospitals throughout the country, thereby enhancing the quality of life for these children and their families; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection also sponsor Courageous Kid Recognition Award presentations, community get well cards and hospital celebrations in honor of a child's determination and bravery to fight the battle against childhood cancer; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Pleasant Valley hereby recognizes the week of November 23rd – 29th as Childhood Cancer Awareness week in the Town of Pleasant Valley and encourages all of its residents to contribute to the battle of childhood cancer in any way they can.