

**Kenai Peninsula Borough  
Alaska  
Proclamation**

**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. This tragic disease is detected in more than 16,000 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. Many infants, children and teens will suffer from long-term effects of comprehensive treatment, including secondary cancers. An estimated 400,000 children and adolescents are diagnosed with cancer globally each year; and

**WHEREAS**, founded nearly thirty years ago by Steven Firestein, a member of the philanthropic Max Factor cosmetics family, the American Cancer Fund for Children, Inc. Kids Cancer Connection, Inc. along with Lions Club International are dedicated to helping these children and their families; and

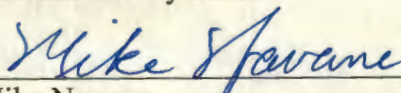
**WHEREAS**, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection provide a variety of vital patient psychosocial services to children undergoing cancer treatment at The Children's Hospital at Providence Alaska Medical Center in Anchorage, as well as participating hospitals throughout the 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 toy distributions, family sailing programs, pet-assisted therapy, Laughternoon – Laughter is Healing, KCC Supercar Experience, positive appearance programs, educational programs and hospital celebrations in honor of a child's determination and bravery to fight the battle against childhood cancer.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Mike Navarre Mayor of the Kenai Peninsula Borough, do hereby proclaim the week of October 23<sup>rd</sup> through October 29<sup>th</sup> as:

***Childhood Cancer Awareness Week***

on the Kenai Peninsula, and encourage all citizens to help increase public awareness and support for the children and families who are affected by cancer.

  
Mike Navarre  
Kenai Peninsula Borough Mayor