July 29, 2019

His Worship Mayor Kevin Davis
City of Brantford, Brantford City Hall,
100 Wellington Square,
P.O. Box 818,
Brantford, Ont., N3T 5R7

Dear Mr. Davis,

Re: Proclamation Of September As Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

In Canada, 1,700 children and youths between the ages of birth and 19 years of age are diagnosed with cancer each year. Although strides in treatment and care have been made, childhood cancer is still the leading disease-related cause of death for Canadian children. At present over 10,000 children in Canada are living with cancer. While over 75% of children survive cancer, more than 50% of survivors of childhood cancer face late effects of their disease and treatment, including neurocognitive impairments, sterility and secondary cancers.

There is a global movement to have monuments and buildings light up gold in September in recognition of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Within Ontario, the Peace Tower at Parliament Hill, the CN Tower and the Skylon Tower, Cambridge City sign, Burlington Pier, Niagara Falls, Hamilton City sign plus numerous others.

We are asking that the City of Brantford support childhood Cancer Awareness Month as you have done in a couple past years by lighting the fountain in Harmony Square gold for the month of September and proclaiming September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

Thank you for your attention to my request.

Beth Walsh – Communications, Help A Child Smile