

# **PROCLAMATION**

## ***Celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Jeffrey Pride Foundation***

**WHEREAS**, the Jeffrey Pride Foundation for Pediatric Cancer Research is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) organization founded in 2000 in memory of Jeffrey Pride, a Barrington resident who lost his 2-year battle with cancer three days after his 7<sup>th</sup> birthday; and

**WHEREAS**, cancer is the #1 disease killer of children in the United States, resulting in the death of more children than most other childhood diseases combined; and

**WHEREAS**, 14,000 new cases of pediatric cancer are diagnosed each year; and

**WHEREAS**, funding for pediatric cancer research receives only roughly 4% of all the money raised to fight cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jeffrey Pride Foundation has as its goal - cancer free lives for all children and thus supports the most promising research available to achieve this goal; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jeffrey Pride Foundation has partnered with the Children's Oncology Group, the world's largest organization comprised of over 200 leading children's hospitals, universities, and cancer centers devoted exclusively to childhood and adolescent cancer research with nearly 100 clinical trials in progress at any given time; and

**WHEREAS**, research sponsored by the Jeffrey Pride Foundation has allowed a dozen new drugs to be brought to clinical trials, one now successfully used as a front line chemotherapy in high risk kids; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jeffrey Pride Foundation has raised over 3.3 million dollars to fund ongoing pediatric cancer research; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 14, 2020, the Jeffrey Pride Foundation will celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a gala fundraiser celebrating its many accomplishments; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Karen Darch, President of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Barrington, Cook and Lake Counties, Illinois do hereby proclaim March 14, 2020 as Jeffrey Pride Foundation Day in the Village of Barrington and express on behalf of the residents of Barrington and all those whose lives have been or will be touched by pediatric cancer and the valuable research provided through the work of this foundation, our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the Jeffrey Pride Foundation for 20 years of tremendous effort and dedication.

Dated this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020

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Karen Darch  
Village President