

## Senate Resolution 492

By: Senators Hill of the 32nd, Gooch of the 51st, Watson of the 1st, Unterman of the 45th, McKoon of the 29th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing September, 2015, as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, children are the world's most precious resource, providing hope for the future  
4 and representing innocence, happiness, and joy; and

5 WHEREAS, cancer is the number one disease killer of America's children under the age of  
6 19; and

7 WHEREAS, childhood cancer occurs regularly and randomly and spares no ethnic group,  
8 socioeconomic class, or geographic region; and

9 WHEREAS, in the United States, the incidence of cancer among adolescents and young  
10 adults is increasing at a greater rate than any other age group except those over 65 years of  
11 age; and

12 WHEREAS, on any given school day, approximately 50 children will be diagnosed with  
13 cancer, and nearly 13,000 children are diagnosed with cancer every year; and

14 WHEREAS, one in 330 Americans will develop cancer before his or her 21st birthday, and  
15 each year more than 3,000 children will lose their lives to cancer; and

16 WHEREAS, the objective of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month is to put a spotlight on the  
17 types of cancer that largely affect children and survivorship issues and to help raise funds for  
18 research and family support because a diagnosis of childhood cancer turns the lives of the  
19 entire family upside down; and

20 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia recognizes the devastating long-term effects of cancer on  
21 children and encourages childhood cancer awareness and education.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
23 recognize September, 2015, as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
25 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the  
26 press.