

# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, new cases of blood cancer (leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma) are expected to account for 10.2 percent of the estimated 1,688,780 new cancer cases diagnosed in the US in 2017. An estimated combined total of 172,910 people in the US are expected to be diagnosed with a blood cancer in 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, leukemia, lymphoma, myeloma are expected to cause the deaths of an estimated 58,300 people in the United States in 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS), exists to find cures and ensure access to treatments for blood cancer patients; and

**WHEREAS**, LLS maintains an office in Hollywood to help improve the quality of life for blood cancer patients and their families in the State of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, Margate is similarly committed to the eradication of these diseases and supports the treatment of blood cancer patients and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, Margate encourages private efforts to enhance research funding and education programs that are saving lives not someday, but today.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Tommy Ruzzano, Mayor of the City of Margate, joins with LLS in designating the month of September 2017, as

## ***BLOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH***

and urge all citizens to educate themselves about the need for finding cures and creating access to treatments for all types of blood cancers; to get involved with LLS, from participating in fundraising campaigns, to making a donation or volunteering; and to fund lifesaving research to advance breakthrough therapies for blood cancer patients.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand  
and caused the official seal of the City of Margate to be  
affixed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.



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TOMMY RUZZANO, MAYOR

Vice Mayor Arlene R. Schwartz, Commissioner Anthony N. Caggiano, Commissioner Lesa Peerman, Commissioner Joanne Simone