



Be the Match Week

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, every four minutes someone is diagnosed with blood cancer which can happen to anyone at any time; and

WHEREAS, 70% of all patients who need a marrow transplant do not have a matched donor in their family. Patients depend on Be The Match Registry to find an unrelated donor or cord blood unit; and

WHEREAS, for thousands of critically ill blood cancer patients, there is a cure; and

WHEREAS, you could be the cure! Be The Match connects patients with people just like you for their life-saving marrow match; and

WHEREAS, the cure for blood cancer is in the hands of the citizens of Davidson; and

WHEREAS, Be The Match has more than 13.5 million potential marrow donors on the Be The Match Registry, but it's not enough; and

WHEREAS, we have citizens in our own community that are searching for a marrow donor; and

WHEREAS, Be The Match will host a marrow drive during the Be The Match Walk+Run in Davidson on September 24th at Lake Norman Christian School where citizens can go to register and join the Be The Match Registry of potential marrow donors.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Woods, Mayor of the Town of Davidson, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the week of September 18, 2016 as "Be The Match Week" and encourage all residents in the Town of Davidson who are at least 18 years of age, not greater than 44 years of age and meet the medical criteria to join the Be The Match Registry of potential marrow donors. Together with your help we can offer hope to those waiting a life-saving transplant.

ATTEST:

Heather Birch James
Town Clerk

John M. Woods
Mayor