



HOUSE BILL 89: September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 89 would designate the month of September as Childhood Cancer Awareness month in North Carolina.*

The bill would become effective when it becomes law.

[As introduced, this bill was identical to S80, as introduced by Sen. Ford, which is currently in Senate Rules and Operations of the Senate.]

CURRENT LAW: Chapter 103 of the NC General Statutes designates holidays and other special days. Public holidays in North Carolina are designated in G.S. 103-4. The days, weeks, and months below have been designated for special recognition.

Days

G.S. 103-7 designates the first Sunday in August each year as American Family Day.
G.S. 103-9 designates the ninth of April each year as Prisoner of War Recognition Day.
G.S. 103-10 designates the seventh of December each year as Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.
G.S. 103-13 designates the twenty-second of July of each year as Fragile X Awareness Day.
G.S. 103-14 designates the second Monday in April of each year as Lineman Appreciation Day.
G.S. 103-15 designates June 27 each year as Posttraumatic Stress Injury Awareness Day.

Weeks

G.S. 103-6 designates the week in March of each year containing March 15 as Arbor Week.
G.S. 103-8 designates the last full week in September as Indian Solidarity Week.

Months

G.S. 103-11 designates October as Disability History and Awareness Month.
G.S. 103-12 designates April as Organ Donation Awareness/Donate Life Month.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 89 would amend the Chapter that designates holidays and other special days in North Carolina to add a new statute (G.S. 103-16) declaring the month of September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This bill would become effective when it becomes law

BACKGROUND: [Cancer.gov](https://www.cancer.gov) provides information on childhood cancers in the United States. According to the website, cancer is a leading cause of death from disease among children and the most common types of cancers are leukemias, brain and other nervous system tumors, and lymphomas. The National Cancer Institute's [Cancer Stat Facts](https://www.cancer.gov/statistics) provides more information.

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