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**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 53‑3‑115 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER OF EVERY YEAR IS DESIGNATED AS “GOLDEN SEPTEMBER CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH” IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. The General Assembly finds that:

(1) cancer is a disease that affects Americans of every sex, gender, race, and ethnicity;

(2) it is a particularly horrible disease when it strikes children; and

(3) to declare the month of September of each year as ‘Childhood Cancer Awareness Month’ in South Carolina and to designate it as ‘Golden September’ would honor and give courage to all those children in our State who are fighting this terrible disease.

SECTION 2. Chapter 3, Title 53 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 53‑3‑115. The month of September of every year is declared ‘Golden September Childhood Cancer Awareness Month’ in South Carolina to honor and give courage to all those children in our State who are fighting this terrible disease.”

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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