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**PRESS ADVISORY**

***Mayor Gary R. McCarthy Announces  
Schenectady's City Hall Is Turning Gold and Orange  
in recognition of Childhood Cancer Month***

**Schenectady, NY** – Schenectady's City Hall will be bathed in gold and orange light for the conclusion of September as the City of Schenectady marks Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. "Childhood Cancer Awareness is a critical issue in all communities," said Mayor Gary R. McCarthy.

Despite amazing advances in treatment, in 2014, nearly 34 children were diagnosed with cancer every day. Early diagnosis is particularly challenging in childhood cancer cases and awareness is critical to survival.

The Schenectady City Council will adopt a resolution recognizing September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month at the next council meeting on **September 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**. Representatives of Albany Medical Center's Melodies' Center will be there to accept.

The Melodies' Center was renamed in honor of the annual fundraiser held at Schenectady's Proctors Theater which supports this critical facility. The Melodies' Center multidisciplinary team includes five pediatric hematologist/oncologists as well as highly trained chemotherapy nurses, a pediatric social worker, child life specialist and the support of all of Albany Medical Center's pediatric subspecialists. More than 700 children from the Capital Region and beyond are seen on a yearly basis for a wide range of cancers and blood disorders in children.



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