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4 HR_____ RECOGNIZING APRIL 17, 2025, AS BUCKETS OF SMILES DAY.
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6 WHEREAS, childhood cancer is the leading cause of
7 death by disease in children, with one out of 285 children
8 in the United States being diagnosed by their 20th birthday;
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10 WHEREAS, more than 190 children are diagnosed with
11 cancer annually in Alabama, and over 500 children in Alabama
12 undergo treatment each year; and

13 WHEREAS, Buckets of Smiles is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit
14 organization that was founded by Ella Kate Nichols in 2017
15 with the mission to bring a smile to the face of every child
16 fighting cancer by providing hospital-approved activity
17 items to children in Alabama hospitals; and

18 WHEREAS, Buckets of Smiles has raised over \$67,000 to
19 improve the lives of children and families affected by
20 cancer; and

21 WHEREAS, Buckets of Smiles has also created an
22 ambassador program to encourage youth throughout the United
23 States to become involved in helping others by making
24 deliveries to hospitals in their home states; and

25 WHEREAS, Buckets of Smiles has delivered over 1,588
26 buckets filled with activity items to children fighting
27 cancer across the nation; and

28 WHEREAS, Buckets of Smiles has established a college



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29 scholarship for childhood cancer survivors in the State of
30 Alabama; and

31 WHEREAS, Buckets of Smiles advocates for children
32 with cancer and their families, while fundraising for
33 research that seeks to provide better treatments with fewer
34 side effects and hopefully, one day, a cure; now therefore,

35 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
36 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That April 17, 2025, shall be known
37 as Buckets of Smiles Day in the State of Alabama, and the
38 residents of Alabama are encouraged to recognize this day
39 for its importance in spreading awareness regarding children
40 with cancer and the need for better treatment options with
41 fewer side affects.