

THE NF PLEDGE

Today I make a pledge to acknowledge and support everyone impacted by neurofibromatosis (NF) in Australia in recognition of NF Awareness Month 2022.

In acknowledgement of my pledge, I will wear the NF Ribbon during May to help increase the profile of this important cause, help others to know where they can seek support and advocate for positive change.

I will engage in activities that provide hope and support to members of the NF community, including encouraging and facilitating discussions with the **Children's Tumour Foundation of Australia**; the only dedicated support service for people impacted by NF in Australia.

I acknowledge that over 10,000 people in Australia and over 2.5 million people around the world are living with NF and 1 in every 2,500 births are diagnosed with NF.

I am aware that NF affects all populations equally, regardless of race, ethnicity or gender.

I recognise that NF causes tumours to grow on nerves throughout the body and can affect development of the brain, cardiovascular system, bones and skin. I also understand that the condition can lead to blindness, deafness, bone abnormalities, disfigurement, learning disabilities, chronic pain, and cancer.

I applaud the Children's Tumour Foundation in their efforts to advocate for change, advance research and empower this community with the knowledge, connections and support needed at every stage of their journey.

By signing this pledge, I acknowledge that much remains to be done to raise the public profile and understanding of NF in Australia, but I am committed to helping to improve the health outcome for everyone living with this condition.

Therefore, I,

(Name), _____

(Title), _____

Make this pledge on behalf of all people and families impacted by neurofibromatosis (NF) this NF Awareness Month, May 2022.

_____ (Signature) _____ (Date)