



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 2021 CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children reports that each school day, 46 children in the U.S. are diagnosed with pediatric or childhood cancer, a tragic disease that impacts the lives of approximately 15,780 children and the families and friends who love them; and

WHEREAS, one in five children in our country will tragically lose their battle with cancer; and

WHEREAS, childhood cancer is the leading cause of death from disease and the second overall leading cause of death for children in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, studies have shown that 95% of survivors of childhood cancer have chronic health problems and 80% will have severe or life-threatening conditions due to complications from cancer-related medical treatment by the time they are 45; and

WHEREAS, the cause of most childhood cancers are unknown. While genetic and environmental factors contribute, it is difficult to determine cause, making research to develop effective prevention and treatments crucial; and

WHEREAS, community awareness and financial support are essential for families that are affected by childhood cancer as out-of-pocket medical costs typically exceed \$10,000 annually for treatment and also require frequent hospital stays and extended parental absences from work to care for a sick child, and also has a significant emotional toll on children and families; and

WHEREAS, local hospitals, such as Cottage Children’s Medical Center collaborate with non-profit organizations like the American Cancer Fund for Children, Inc. and Kids Cancer Connection, Inc. to provide comprehensive support to children and families undergoing pediatric cancer treatment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors proclaims September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in Santa Barbara County and recognizes the human toll of childhood cancer and encourages residents to support children and families in our community who are affected by this disease.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 14th day of September, 2021 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

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