

# County of Monterey

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RESOLUTION

**Resolution No.: 23-339**

Adopt Resolution Proclaiming September 2023 as **Childhood )  
Cancer Awareness Month** in the County of Monterey.....)

**WHEREAS**, The American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection report cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among United States children between infancy and age 15. This tragic disease is detected in more than 16,000 of our country's young people each year. An estimated 400,000 children and adolescents are diagnosed with cancer globally each year; and

**WHEREAS**, One in five of our nation's children loses his or her battle with cancer. Many infants, children and teens will suffer from long-term effects of comprehensive treatment, including secondary cancers; and

**WHEREAS**, Founded nearly 30 years ago by Steven Firestein, a member of the philanthropic branch of the Max Factor cosmetics family, the American Cancer Fund for Children, Inc., Kids Cancer Connection, Inc. and Lions Clubs International are dedicated to helping these children and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, The American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection provide a variety of vital patient psychosocial services to children undergoing cancer treatment at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford in Palo Alto, Cottage Children's Medical Center in Santa Barbara, Valley Children's Healthcare and Hospital in Madera, The City of Hope National Medical Center, as well as participating hospitals throughout the country, thereby enhancing the quality of life for these children and their families; and


**WHEREAS**, The American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection also sponsor toy distributions, family sailing programs, pet-assisted therapy, Laughternoon - Laughter is Healing, KCC Supercar Experience, Home and Hospital Instructional programs and hospital celebrations in honor of a child's determination and bravery to fight the battle against childhood cancer.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, hereby proclaim September 2023 as **Childhood Cancer Awareness Month** in the County of Monterey and encourage all residents to get involved in the fight against childhood cancer.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023

  
Chair Supervisor Luis A. Alejo

  
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Supervisor Chris Lopez

  
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