

**Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the
County of Monterey, State of California**

Resolution No.:

Adopt a resolution proclaiming September 2025 as **Childhood Cancer Awareness Month** in the County of Monterey.

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection reports that cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among children in the United States between infancy and age fifteen; and

WHEREAS, this tragic disease is diagnosed in more than 16,000 young people in the United States each year, and an estimated 400,000 children and adolescents are diagnosed with cancer worldwide annually; and

WHEREAS, one in five children in the United States who are diagnosed with cancer lose their battle with the disease; and

WHEREAS, many infants, children, and teenagers who undergo cancer treatment experience long-term side effects, including the development of secondary cancers; and

WHEREAS, founded over thirty years ago by Steven Firestein, a member of the philanthropic Max Factor cosmetics family, the American Cancer Fund for Children, Inc., Kids Cancer Connection, Inc., along with Lions Clubs International are dedicated to helping these children and their families; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection offer essential psychosocial support services to children receiving cancer treatment at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford, University of California San Francisco Benioff Children's Hospitals, Ronald McDonald Care Mobile, Cottage Children's Medical Center, Valley Children's Healthcare and Hospital, City of Hope National Medical Center, and other participating hospitals across the country; and

WHEREAS, these services improve the quality of life for young patients and their families during and after cancer treatment; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection also sponsor uplifting programs such as toy distributions, Music is Medicine, family sailing adventures, It's Magic! Nothing is Impossible, pet-assisted therapy, Laughternoon – Laughter is Healing, sensory gardening, the Supercar Experience, Home and Hospital Instruction, and hospital celebrations.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors, on behalf of all the County and its residents, thereof, hereby recognizes September 2025 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in the County of Monterey and encourages all residents to get involved in the fight against childhood cancer.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this ____ day of ____ 2025, upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____ by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

I, Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book ____ for the meeting on _____.

Dated:

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California

By _____ Deputy