

# PROCLAMATION

OF THE  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

**WHEREAS**, the American Cancer Society reports that cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among U.S. children between infancy and age 15; and

**WHEREAS**, every two minutes a child is diagnosed with cancer and 7 of our nation's children will lose his or her battle with cancer today and every day; and of those children who beat the disease, more than 45% will suffer from long-term effects of comprehensive treatment, including secondary cancers; and

**WHEREAS**, research, treatment and funding have improved over the past decade, it is a known fact that childhood cancer only receives 4% of money raised for research in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, many of our own counties children are receiving treatment at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford in Palo Alto, UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital, as well as participating hospitals throughout the country, thereby enhancing the quality of life for these children and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, we must continue to educate the community, as well as the state and the world on what this disease can do to a child, their family and their community forcing more research and better treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, September is the month to "GO GOLD" and display a yellow or gold ribbon to share childhood cancer statistics in support for all the brave children and their families affected by this disease; and

**WHEREAS**, locally there are several fundraising events that contribute directly to Childhood Cancer such as St. Jude's Radiothon, and Cookies for Kids' Cancer.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims **September 2020 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month** and encourages everyone to support programs that bring awareness to childhood cancer.

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Virginia Bass, Chair

