PROCLAMATION

OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection report cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among children in the United States. This tragic disease is detected in more than 20,000 of our nation's young people each and every year; and

WHEREAS, founded more than fifteen years ago by Steven A. F. Firestein, a descendent of cosmetics magnate Max Factor, the American Cancer Fund for Children, Inc. and sister organization, Kids Cancer Connection, Inc. 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 and hospital activities to children undergoing cancer treatment at the Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford; Department of Pediatric Oncology, as well as participating hospitals throughout the country, thereby enhancing the quality of life for these children and their families; and

WHEREAS, through its uniquely sensitive and comforting Magical Caps for Kids program, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection distributes thousands of beautifully handmade caps and decorated baseball caps to children who want to protect their heads following the trauma of chemotherapy, bone marrow transplants, surgery and/or radiation treatments; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection also sponsor nationwide Courageous Kid recognition award ceremonies 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 Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims October 30-November 5, 2022 **as Childhood Cancer Awareness Week** in Humboldt County and encourages everyone to join together to promote greater awareness of this devastating disease and its effects on children.

DATED: October 25, 2022   Virginia Bass, Chair