

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, this tragic disease is detected in more than 50,000 of our country's young people each and every year; 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 effected 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 in Ferndale on September 14th.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims **September 2019 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month** and encourages everyone to support programs that bring awareness to childhood cancer.

DATED: September 10, 2019

Rex Bohn, Chair