

## COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.

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For the meeting of: September 12, 2017

Date:

September 5, 2017

To:

Board of Supervisors

From:

Supervisor Rex Bohn

Subject:

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation.

RECOMMENDATION(S): That the Board of Supervisors adopt the Proclamation.

## SOURCE OF FUNDING:

<u>DISCUSSION</u>: In recognition of the importance of childhood cancer awareness, the Board wishes to proclaim September, 2017 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in Humboldt County. Childhood cancer only receives 4% of the money raised for research in the United States even though cancer is the leading cause of death by disease in children between infancy and age 15. Organizations such as St. Jude's and Cookies for Kids Cancer give 100% of the money raised directly into treating and curing this disease. New research and better protocol can only happen after more attention and funding is in place. The Board would like to encourage Humboldt county citizens to support programs and bring awareness to childhood cancers and disease.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

| ATTACHMENTS: Proclamation. |           |  |                    |  |
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| Prepared by Tracy Dam      | ico       | Signature /  |                    |  |
| REVIEW:                    |           |  |                    |  |
| Auditor County Counsel     | Personnel | Risk Manager   | Other              |  |
| TYPE OF ITEM:              |           | BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT                 |                    |  |
| XX Consent                 |           | Upon motion of Supervisor Bohn                           |                    |  |
| Departmental               |           | Seconded by Supervisor Fennell                           |                    |  |
| Public Hearing             |           | And unanimously carried by those members present,        |                    |  |
| Special Presentation       |           | The Board hereby adopts the<br>contained in this report. | recommended action |  |
| PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:  |           |  |                    |  |
| Board Order No             | 70        | Dated: Book Ana Hartwell, Deputy Clerk                   | of the Board       |  |
| Meeting of:                |           | By: September  |                    |  |



## 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 40,000 of our country's young people each and every year; and

**WHEREAS,** every day 46 children are 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, many 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 and to use yellow or gold balloons to share childhood cancer statistics in support for all the brave children effected by this disease.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims **September**, **2017** as **Childhood Cancer Awareness Month** and encourages everyone to support programs that bring awareness to childhood cancers and diseases.

DATED: September 12, 2017

Virginia Bass, Chair