## **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 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 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**, **2018 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month** and encourages everyone to support programs that bring awareness to childhood cancers and diseases.

DATED: September 4, 2018

Ryan Sundberg, Chair