

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children Inc. and Kids Cancer Connection Inc. report that 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 cosmetic 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 Children's Hospital and Research Center Oakland, Department of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology; UCSF Children's Hospital at UCSF Medical Center, Department of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology, as well as participating hospitals throughout the county, thereby enhancing the quality of life for these children and their families; 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 Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara, State of California does hereby proclaim the week of September thirteenth to the nineteenth to be

Childhood Cancer Awareness Week

in an effort to educate the community on the impact cancer has had on the lives of children and offer ways to support affected families as they fight together for their children's health.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this Twenty Fifth Day of August, Two Thousand Nine by unanimous vote.

Liz Kniss, President
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Attest: Maria Marinos
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