



City of Emeryville

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Proclamation

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month September 2017

WHEREAS, the objective of **Childhood Cancer Awareness Month** is to put a spotlight on the types of cancer that largely affect children, and to help raise funds for research and family support; and

WHEREAS, cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among U.S. children between infancy and age fifteen, and is detected in more than 15,000 of our young people each year; and

WHEREAS, one in five of our nation's children loses his or her battle with cancer, and many infants, children and teens will suffer from long-term effects of comprehensive treatment, including secondary cancers; and

WHEREAS, founded over twenty years ago by Steven Firestein, a member of the philanthropic Max Factor cosmetics family, the **American Cancer Fund for Children, Inc.** and **Kids Cancer Connection, Inc.** are dedicated to helping these children and their families; and

WHEREAS, the **American Cancer Fund for Children, Inc.** and **Kids Cancer Connection, Inc.** provide a variety of vital patient psychosocial services to children undergoing cancer 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, the **American Cancer Fund for Children, Inc.** and **Kids Cancer Connection, Inc.** also sponsor Courageous Kid Recognition Award ceremonies, family sailing, community get well cards, and hospital celebrations in honor of a child's determination and bravery to fight the battle against childhood cancer; and

WHEREAS, the **American Cancer Fund for Children, Inc.** and **Kids Cancer Connection, Inc.** are marking "**September 2017 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month**" and asking residents of the City of Emeryville to learn more about childhood cancer and become part of the effort to combat this disease; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Emeryville does hereby proclaim **September 2017 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month** in the City of Emeryville; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Emeryville does hereby encourage all Emeryville citizens to join in reaffirming our commitment to fighting childhood cancer and to support research and educational opportunities that lead to an eventual cure.

PROCLAIMED, this 5th day of September, 2017, at a regular meeting of the City Council by the Mayor of the City of Emeryville.

MAYOR