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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY MAYOR JEAN QUAN

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE AMERICAN CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN AND THE KIDS CANCER CONNECTION, AND RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER AS CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF OAKLAND.

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and the Kids Cancer Connection reports that cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among children in the United States between infancy and the age of 15; and

WHEREAS, this devastating disease is detected in more than 15,000 children in the United States 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 the negative long-term effects of their cancer treatment, including secondary cancers; and

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

WHEREAS, both foundations provide a variety of vital patient psychosocial services to children undergoing cancer treatment at the Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford and the University of California, San Francisco Benioff Children's Hospital in Oakland, as well as participating hospitals throughout the country - thereby affording these children and their families a much higher quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and the Kids Cancer Connection also sponsor Courageous Kid Recognition Award ceremonies and other hospital celebrations in honor of these children's determination and bravery to fight their battles against childhood cancer; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council is proud to thank the American Cancer Fund for Children and the Kids Cancer Connection for their many years of dedication to Oakland's families, because all children deserve the chance to dream, discover and realize their full potential; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council hereby proclaims the month of September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and extends the City's support to all the courageous children fighting this battle, and honors those who devote themselves to creating a cancer-free world.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, SCHAAF, AND PRESIDENT KERNIGHAN

NOES -
ABSENT -
ABSTENTION -

ATTEST:

LATONDA SIMMONS
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California