

1 [Childhood Cancer Awareness Month - September]

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3 **Resolution recognizing every September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in the**  
4 **City and County of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection  
7 reports cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among U.S. children between infancy  
8 and age 15; and

9 WHEREAS, This tragic disease is detected in more than 16,000 of our country's young  
10 people every year and an estimated 400,000 children and adolescents are diagnosed with  
11 cancer globally each year; and

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

15 WHEREAS, Founded nearly thirty years ago by Steven Firestein, a member of the  
16 philanthropic Max Factor cosmetics family, the American Cancer Fund for Children, Inc., Kids  
17 Cancer Connection, Inc. and Lions Clubs International are dedicated to helping these children  
18 and their families; and

19 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection  
20 provide a variety of vital patient psychosocial services to children undergoing cancer  
21 treatment at UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital, Sutter Health California Pacific Medical  
22 Center, Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford, Shriners Hospitals for Children -  
23 Northern CA, as well as participating hospitals throughout the country, thereby enhancing the  
24 quality of life for these children and their families; and

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1           WHEREAS, The American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection also  
2 sponsor toy distributions, family sailing, "Laughternoon" - Laughter is Healing, KCC Supercar  
3 Experience, pet-assisted therapy, educational programs, and hospital celebrations in honor of  
4 a child's determination and bravery to fight the battle against childhood cancer; now,  
5 therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco herby recognizes every  
7 September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month with the goal to increase awareness for  
8 those affected by childhood cancer.

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