

# PROCLAMATION

## OF THE MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 2017 AS Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in Mendocino County

WHEREAS, Families, caregivers, charities and research groups across the United States observe September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month with recent statistics indicating 15,780 children under the age of 21 were diagnosed with cancer in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, a diagnosis turns the lives of the entire family upside down as the child faces aggressive treatment often causing one parent to stop working outside the home to care for their sick child. The impact of having a child diagnosed with cancer is deeply felt financially, socially, and emotionally by the entire family; and

WHEREAS, the objective of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month is to put a spotlight on the types of cancer that largely affect children, to honor and remember children and families affected by these rare diseases, and help rally support to give kids with cancer better outcomes by financially supporting groundbreaking research; and

WHEREAS, the needs are great nationally in providing family support and pediatric cancer research, therefore, September is a time to commit to raising childhood cancer awareness throughout the year to move us toward new cures and healthier outcomes, leading to a brighter future for America's youth; and

WHEREAS, let us this month pay tribute to the families, friends, professionals, and communities who lend their strength to children fighting pediatric cancer. May their courage and commitment continue united under a "GO GOLD" theme with the gold ribbon as its symbol; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Mendocino County are encouraged to support fundraising efforts that creates awareness of childhood cancer issues, creates supportive communities for local families who are dealing with childhood cancer, and raises funds to provide information and support materials for children currently fighting cancer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino, hereby proclaims September 2017 as:

**"Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in Mendocino County"**

Dated: September 12, 2017

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John McCowen, Chair