

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
BOARD ACTION SUMMARY

DEPT: Board of Supervisors

BOARD AGENDA #: *A-4a

AGENDA DATE: August 30, 2016

SUBJECT:

Approval to Proclaim September 2016 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in Stanislaus County

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2016-444

On motion of Supervisor Withrow, Seconded by Supervisor O'Brien
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Chiesa, Withrow, DeMartini, and Chairman Monteith

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) Approved as recommended

2) Denied

3) Approved as amended

4) Other:

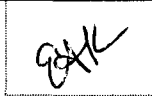
MOTION:

ATTEST: Elizabeth A. King
ELIZABETH A. KING, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

File No.

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AGENDA ITEM**

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Urgent Routine



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CEO CONCURRENCE: _____ 4/5 Vote Required: Yes No

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STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Proclaim September 2016 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in Stanislaus County.

CONTACT PERSON:

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**PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 2016 AS
CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN STANISLAUS COUNTY**

WHEREAS, September is National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month; a time to shine a spotlight on the issue of pediatric cancer, show our support, remember youth who have passed away, and reaffirm our commitment to finding a cure; and,

WHEREAS, pediatric cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among U.S. children under the age of 15; the daily amount of young people diagnosed with cancer is enough to empty two classrooms; and,

WHEREAS, every year this tragic disease is detected in more than 15,000 of our country's young people; more than 1,700 children and young adults under the age of 20 are diagnosed with cancer in California each year; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Stanislaus is inspired by and applauds the bravery and strength of those children who are currently fighting, or who have fought, this awful disease; and,

WHEREAS, Stanislaus County would like to thank the caregivers, individuals, and institutions that are dedicated to helping children with cancer and commends those people and organizations that are working to find a cure for this heartbreaking disease; and,

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection 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 Oakland, Kaiser Permanente Medical Center, as well as participating hospitals throughout the country enhancing the quality of life for children with cancer and their families; and,

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection also sponsor: courage awards (courageous kids receive a certificate and a special gift at a party held in their honor to remind them that they are not alone in the fight against cancer), hospital entertainment, field trips, get well cards, art therapy, positive appearance center, magical caps for those children who have lost their hair due to cancer treatment, wish lists, as well as family services (temporary housing and counseling); and,

WHEREAS, Stanislaus County understands that awareness and education are an important component of finding a cure; to learn more about pediatric cancer and what you can do to help visit: Kids Cancer Connection at www.KidsCancerConnection.org, the National Cancer Institute at www.cancer.gov, or the American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in honor of the many children who have lost their lives prematurely due to childhood cancer and in support of those children who are currently fighting childhood cancer, the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors, of the State of California, does hereby unanimously proclaim September 2016 as "Childhood Cancer Awareness Month" in Stanislaus County and looks forward to the day when we are a cancer-free world.