

**IN RECOGNITION OF SEPTEMBER AS  
CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

***WHEREAS,** Childhood Cancer Awareness Month is a time when we celebrate advances in childhood cancer treatment and survivorship care, remember the children we've lost, and engage new advocates to join in our mission of achieving a day when every child with cancer can live a long and healthy life; and*

***WHEREAS,** Annually, an estimated 15,000 children are diagnosed with cancer, and about 1,590 will die from the disease in the United States; and*

***WHEREAS,** Childhood cancer is not one disease – there are more than 12 major types of pediatric cancers and over 100 subtypes; and*

***WHEREAS,** Cancer is the number one cause of death by disease among children. Worldwide, 300,000 children lose their lives every year to cancer; and*

***WHEREAS,** more than 95 percent of childhood cancer survivors will have a significant health-related issue by the time they are 45 years of age; these health-related issues are side-effects of either the cancer or more commonly, the result of its treatment; and*

***WHEREAS,** childhood cancer has touched many in our South San Francisco community. Among them, Jesus Pena and Patricia Watson, who lost their 33-month-old daughter Juliana, to Neuroblastoma; and*

***WHEREAS,** as the color gold is significant and symbolic because it represents childhood cancer, the tree on Sign Hill shines bright during the month of September in honor of Juliana, and all the other families that have been affected by childhood cancer.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of South San Francisco does hereby recognize September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, which is a time to recognize the children and families affected by childhood cancers and to emphasize the importance of supporting research on these devastating conditions.*

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