

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

August 28, 2019

WHEREAS, although childhood cancers make up less than one percent of all cancers diagnosed each year, according to the American Cancer Society, after accidents, cancer is the second leading cause of death in children ages 1 to 14; and

WHEREAS, about 1,180 children younger than 15 years old are expected to die from cancer this year; and

WHEREAS, the types of cancers that occur most often in children are different than those seen in adults, where the most common cancers of children are leukemia, brain and spinal cord tumors, neuroblastoma, lymphoma, and bone cancer, among others; and

WHEREAS, childhood cancer research is vastly and consistently underfunded; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the sixth consecutive year the City of South San Francisco is planning to light the tree on Sigh Hill in gold the month of September to recognize National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in South San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, the tree on Sign Hill will be lit in gold, which is significant as the color gold is symbolic and represents childhood cancer; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the third year that City Hall will be adorned in gold lights, so City Hall, together with the tree on Sign Hill, can help bring attention, awareness, and education to the topic of childhood cancer.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Mayor Karyl Matsumoto and the City Council of South San Francisco do hereby dedicate September as National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and encourage the South San Francisco community to continue to keep the conversation of childhood cancer going now and all throughout the year to achieve much-needed funding, more research, and improved treatments to ultimately find a cure.*

Karyl Matsumoto, Mayor

Richard Garbarino, Vice Mayor

Mark Addiego, Council Member

Mark Nagales, Council Member

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Dated: August 28, 2019