



PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 2023 As  
CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN VENTURA COUNTY

**WHEREAS**, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection report cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among U.S. children between infancy and age 15. This tragic disease is detected in more than 16,000 of our country's young people each and every year. An estimated 400,000 children and adolescents are diagnosed with cancer globally each year; and

**WHEREAS**, one in five of our nation's children loses his or her battle with cancer. Many infants, children, and teens will suffer from long-term effects of comprehensive treatment, including secondary cancers; and

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

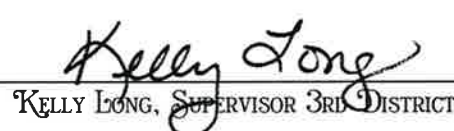
**WHEREAS**, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection provide a variety of vital patient psychosocial services to children undergoing cancer treatment at Ventura County Medical Center-CHLA, Children's Hospital Los Angeles, The City of Hope, Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, UCLA Mattel Children's Hospital, L.A. County-USC Medical Center, Kaiser Permanente Medical Center, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, UCLA Santa Monica Medical Center, as well as participating hospitals throughout the country, thereby enhancing the quality of life for these children and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection also sponsor toy distributions, family sailing programs, pet-assisted therapy, Home and Hospital Instructional programs, Laughternoon - Laughter is Healing, KCC Supercar Experience, and hospital celebrations in honor of a child's determination, and bravery to fight the battle against childhood cancer.

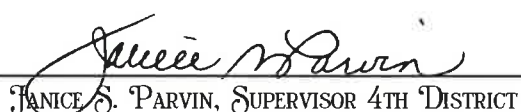
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Ventura County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim the month of September 2023 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in the County of Ventura.

PRESENTED ON THIS 12<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2023

  
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