

City of San Pablo

Proclamation Recognizing

Childhood Cancer and Blood Cancer Awareness Month September 2019

WHEREAS, each year, more than 300,000 children and youth under the age of 19 are diagnosed with cancer worldwide; and

WHEREAS, childhood cancer is the number one disease related cause of death for children in the United States and many other countries; and

WHEREAS, two-thirds of those who survive childhood cancer endure chronic health conditions from the toxic effects of cancer treatment, including secondary cancers and other life-threatening illnesses; and

WHEREAS, the causes of childhood cancer are largely unknown and more study is needed to understand which treatments work best for children; and

WHEREAS, cancer treatment for children often must differ from traditional adult treatments to take into account children's developmental needs and other factors; and

WHEREAS, blood cancers account for almost ten percent of new cancer cases in the U.S. each year, with more than 1.2 million people living in the U.S. are either living or in remission from a blood cancer; and

WHEREAS, leukemia is the most common cancer in children and accounts for about thirty percent of all childhood cancers; and

WHEREAS, every three minutes, one person in the U.S. is diagnosed with a blood cancer; and

WHEREAS, there are no effective screening tests for the early detection of blood cancers, however, survival rates have significantly improved in the last twenty years.

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rich Kinney, Mayor of the City of San Pablo, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of **September 2019** as “**Childhood Cancer and Blood Cancer Awareness Month**” and encourage all citizens to learn more about childhood cancers and blood cancers and consider what we all can do to support children with cancer and their families.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of San Pablo to be affixed this 3rd day of September, 2019.

Rich Kinney, Mayor