## THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 2012 AS

## Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection report cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among children in the United States. This tragic disease is detected in nearly 15,000 of our nation's young people each and every year; and

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WHEREAS, founded nearly twenty years ago by Steven Firestein, a member of the philanthropic Max Factor Family, the American Cancer Fund for Children, Inc. and sister organization, Kids Cancer Connection, Inc. 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 Kaiser Permanente Medical Center: Department of Pediatrics; Division of Hematology/Oncology in Sacramento, UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital at UCSF 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 nationwide Courageous Kid recognition award ceremonies and hospital celebrations in honor of a child's determination and bravery to fight the battle against childhood cancer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County designates September 2012, as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and encourages all residents of San Mateo County to observe this month by showing their appreciation and support for the volunteers working on behalf of the victims of childhood cancer.

Dated: SEPTEMBER 11, 2012

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