

- b. Adopt Commendation for American Cancer Society's Courageous Kids Day as they celebrate their 35th Anniversary. (Ellenberg/Simitian)

**WHEREAS**, cancer is the second leading cause of death in children, and the leading disease-related cause of death for children ages 1-19;

**WHEREAS**, today, about 1 in 530 young adults between the ages of 20 and 39 is a childhood cancer survivor;

**WHEREAS**, the American Cancer Society is deeply committed to making continued advances and last year supported 49 active, multi-year research grants, for a total of \$29,000,000 specific to childhood cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Cancer Society ACS CAN volunteers worked hard to pass the Childhood Cancer Survivorship, Treatment, Access and Research (STAR) Act, which was signed into law on June 5, 2018, and has helped advance pediatric cancer research, increase transparency and expertise for pediatric cancer research at the National Institutes of Health, and expand research into the long-term side effects of childhood cancer and its treatments;

**WHEREAS**, on May 12, 2024, the American Cancer Society celebrates the 35th anniversary of its Courageous Kids Day, an event held each Mothers' Day at California's Great America for children currently in treatment for cancer and their immediate families, to enjoy a day of fun and making memories;

**WHEREAS**, Courageous Kids Day leadership volunteers Gay Crawford, founder, Pam Dunnett, chair, Donna Adam, co-chair, and staff support the ongoing effort to give kids a day away from cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, the administration and staff of California's Great America have been directly involved with and supportive of the Courageous Kids Day Committee since 1989, providing complimentary admission and picnic lunches, valued in excess of \$1 million, for Courageous Kids and their families, as well as volunteers.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara does hereby commend the**

***American Cancer Society's 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Courageous Kids Day***

**PASSED AND ADOPTED**, by the Board of Supervisors, County of Santa Clara, State of California on this Fifteenth Day of April, Two Thousand Twenty-Four, by unanimous vote.

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Sylvia Arenas  
Supervisor, District One

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Susan Ellenberg  
President, Board of Supervisors

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Cindy Chavez  
Supervisor, District Two

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Otto Lee  
Supervisor, District Three

Approved as to form and legality:

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S. Joseph Simitian  
Supervisor, District Five

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Attest: Acting Clerk of the Board of Supervisors,  
Curtis Boone

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Tony LoPresti  
County Counsel