



*Proclamation  
of the  
City of Foster City, California*

**Recognizing September 2023 as  
Childhood Cancer Awareness Month**

WHEREAS, according to the American Childhood Cancer Organization, childhood cancer is the leading cause of death by disease for children in the United States and approximately one of every six children is not expected to live past five years of age; and

WHEREAS, most children can't be treated at a local hospital and families must face the disruption of relocating to receive treatment at a regional cancer center; and

WHEREAS, as a result of major treatment advances in recent decades, more than 85% of children with cancer now survive five years or more; and

WHEREAS, the survival rate of children with cancer vary depending on the type of cancer and other factors but has significantly increased since the mid-1970s, when the five-year survival rate was approximately 58% and; and

WHEREAS, due to children's bodies still growing and cancer treatments largely geared toward use on adults, children are more likely to experience long-term side effects from treatment; and

WHEREAS, possible late effects of cancer treatments include, but are not limited to, heart or lung problems, slowed or delayed development, changes in sexual development and the ability to have children, learning disabilities, and increased risk of secondary forms of cancer; and

WHEREAS, childhood cancer treatment is handled by a team of health professionals aiding in the health and well-being of childhood cancer patients, consisting of pediatric oncologists and surgeons, radiation oncologists, pediatric oncology nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, psychologists, social workers, nutritionists, rehabilitation and physical therapists, and educators; and

WHEREAS, some of the most important members of a pediatric cancer patient's team are experienced parents who navigate and advocate on behalf of their children.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, **JON FROOMIN**, MAYOR OF FOSTER CITY, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL, do hereby declare September 2023 as "**Childhood Cancer Awareness Month**" to encourage promoting awareness of childhood cancer and support families affected by this devastating disease. Let us honor the young people who have lost their lives to childhood cancer and express gratitude to the doctors, nurses, and parents who provide special care to patients and families affected by childhood cancer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the official seal of the City of Foster City to be affixed this 21st of August, in the year two thousand and twenty-three, A.D.

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JON FROOMIN, MAYOR

