

Resolution

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

September 2026

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 every year. An estimated 400,000 children and adolescents are diagnosed globally with cancer 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 over thirty years ago by Steven Firestein, a member of the philanthropic branch of the Max Factor cosmetics family, the American Cancer Fund for Children, Inc., Kids Cancer Connection, Inc., in collaboration with 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 Children's Hospital Los Angeles, The City of Hope National Medical Center, UCLA Mattel Children's Hospital, Los Angeles General Medical Center, Miller Children's and Women's Hospital Long Beach, Harbor-UCLA 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 sponsors hospital toy distributions, Home and Hospital instruction, family sailing, sensory gardening, Kids' Club, pet-assisted therapy, Laughternoon: Laughter is Healing, It's Magic: Nothing is Impossible, 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 City Council does hereby proclaim September 2026 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Los Angeles and urge the residents of our community, and communities around the world, to join in raising awareness of childhood cancer.

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