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PROCLAMATION

HONORING JACOB'S HEART CHILDREN'S CANCER SUPPORT SERVICES AND DECLARATION OF CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, each day 42 children in the United States are diagnosed with cancer and more than 40,000 children undergo treatment for cancer each year; and

WHEREAS, cancer remains the leading cause of death by disease among children, more than asthma, diabetes, cystic fibrosis, congenital anomalies, and AIDS combined; and

WHEREAS, families of children with cancer in the County of San Benito receive essential services from Jacob's Heart Children's Cancer Support Services, a local organization that has gained national awards and recognition for improving the quality of life for more than 620 local children with cancer and their families; and

WHEREAS, Jacob's Heart holds the memories and honors legacies of 140 children from our local community who have been lost to cancer, ensuring that their precious memories will never be forgotten; and

WHEREAS, the oncology department at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford has worked closely with Jacob's Heart for the past 18 years as a trusted community partner in providing family-centered care that addresses the emotional, practical and financial struggles of families of children with cancer in San Benito County; and

WHEREAS, it is important for all San Benito County residents to recognize the impact of pediatric cancer on families within our community and honor the lives of Children in our community whose lives have been cut short by cancer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the San Benito County Board of Supervisors, do hereby declare the month of September 2016 as "Childhood Cancer Awareness Month" in San Benito County and do hereby honor Jacob's Heart Children's Cancer Support Services for 18 years of outstanding support to our community and acknowledge the organization's contributions to Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, honoring children with cancer in our community.

August 23, 2016

Robert Rivas, Chairman
San Benito County Board of Supervisors