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CONSENT CALENDAR
September 29, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Councilmember Blackaby (Author), Councilmember Bartlett (Co-sponsor)
Subject: Honoring Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution honoring September as childhood cancer awareness month.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Childhood cancer is the leading cause of death by disease in children, and much more can be done to raise awareness about and find cures for this deadly disease. Eighty percent of childhood cancer patients are diagnosed late and with metastatic disease. One in 285 children in the U.S. will be diagnosed with cancer by their 20th birthday. This Resolution honors September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and recognizes the deeply painful impacts childhood cancer has on families in every community across our country.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

None.

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

SEPTEMBER AS CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, childhood cancer is the leading cause of death by disease in children; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 285 children in the United States will be diagnosed with Childhood Cancer by their 20th birthday; and

WHEREAS, the average age of diagnosis is 6 years old; and

WHEREAS, 80% of childhood cancer patients are diagnosed late and with metastatic disease; and

WHEREAS, there's been an overall childhood cancer incidence increase of 24 percent over the last 40 years; and

WHEREAS, in the last 30 years only six new drugs have been approved by the FDA to specifically treat childhood cancer; and

WHEREAS, too many children are affected by this deadly disease, and more must be done to raise awareness and find a cure.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that September is proclaimed Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Berkeley.