



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, September is National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, a time to honor and remember the tens of thousands of children whose young lives were taken too soon, as well as, raising awareness of the multitude of children and their families currently battling childhood cancer, who need better treatments and our unconditional support; and

**WHEREAS**, cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among U.S. Children and is detected in more than 300,000 of our sons and daughters worldwide every year; and

**WHEREAS**, the epidemic of childhood cancer is spreading, with one out of every 285 children diagnosed by the time they reach the age of 20; and

**WHEREAS**, two-thirds of childhood cancer patients will suffer life-long chronic conditions caused by their treatments and only four cancer treatments or drugs have been developed and approved for children fighting cancer over the last 20 years; and

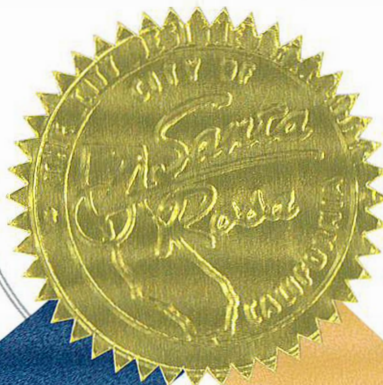
**WHEREAS**, one out of eight children diagnosed with cancer will not survive their battle with this horrible disease, and

**WHEREAS**, innovative studies are leading to real breakthroughs reminding us of the importance of supporting scientific research and discovery, moving us closer to better treatments and a cure for childhood cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, gold is used as the official color to raise awareness, especially as we extend our condolences to the families of those children who have perished and our support to all those children who continue to battle childhood cancer with incredible strength and courage.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Tom Schwedhelm, Mayor of the City of Santa Rosa, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim September as

**CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**



Mayor Tom Schwedhelm  
September 10, 2019