

PROCLAMATION

HONORING JACOB'S HEART CHILDREN'S CANCER SUPPORT SERVICES AND DECLARING SEPTEMBER 2025 AS CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF HOLLISTER

WHEREAS, the character of our community is revealed in how we treat our most vulnerable; and

WHEREAS, each year, 19.2 in every 100,000 children in our community will be diagnosed with cancer; 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, Jacob's Heart has been keeping medically fragile children and families housed, fed, and emotionally supported by steadfastly adhering to the following commitments:

1) Parents of children with cancer and other serious illnesses will be relieved of financial fears and able to focus attention on their children: 2) No child undergoing intensive treatment in our community will be homeless; 3) Families of seriously ill children will not experience food insecurity during and after the pandemic; and 4) No seriously ill child in our community will ever miss a medical appointment because of a lack of transportation; and

WHEREAS, Jacob's Heart holds the memories and honors legacies of hundreds of children from our local community who have been lost to cancer, ensuring that their 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 26 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 the City of Hollister; and

WHEREAS, it is important for all Hollister City residents to recognize the impact of pediatric cancer on families within our community and honor the children in our community whose lives have been cut short by cancer.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Roxanne Stephens, Mayor of Hollister, do hereby declare September 2025, as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Hollister, and do hereby honor Jacob's Heart Children's Cancer Support Services for outstanding support to our community and acknowledge the organization's contributions to Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the City of Hollister this 2nd day of September 2025.

Roxanne Stephens, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jennifer Woodworth, City Clerk