



**Mayor's Proclamation**  
**Honoring Jacob's Heart Children's Cancer Support Services**  
**Recognizing the Month of September 2020**  
**Childhood Cancer Awareness Month**

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

**WHEREAS**, each year, one in every 285 children in our community will be diagnosed with cancer and cancer remains a leading cause of death by disease in children; and

**WHEREAS**, during the COVID-19 crisis 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 be able to focus attention to 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 lack of transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, Jacob's Heart holds the memories and honors the legacies of hundreds of 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 Stanford has worked closely with Jacob's Heart for the past 22 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; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important to recognize the impact of childhood 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**, I, Bill Peake, Mayor of Pacific Grove, do hereby declare September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Pacific Grove and recognize Jacob's Heart Children's Cancer Support Services.

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Bill Peake, Mayor  
City of Pacific Grove