

**CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA
CITY COUNCIL
PROCLAMATION**

**HONORING JACOB’S HEART AND DECLARING SEPTEMBER 2023 AS CHILDHOOD CANCER
AWARENESS MONTH**

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

WHEREAS, each year, 19.1 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 child 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 25 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 Carmel-by-the-Sea; and

WHEREAS, it is important for all Carmel-by-the-Sea 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, Dave Potter, Mayor of the City of Carmel, hereby declare September
2023, as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea, 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.

September 12, 2023

Dave Potter, Mayor