

PROCLAMATION

Childhood Cancer Awareness Week

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection report cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among children in the United States. This tragic disease is detected in nearly 15,000 of our nation's young people each and every year; and

WHEREAS, founded nearly twenty years ago by Steven Firestein, a member of the philanthropic Max Factor family, the American Cancer Fund for Children, Inc. and sister organization, Kids Cancer Connection, Inc. are dedicated to helping these children and their families; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection provide a variety of vital patient psychosocial services to children undergoing cancer treatment at the Phoenix Children's Hospital: Department of Pediatrics; Division of Hematology/Oncology, as well as participating hospitals throughout the country, thereby enhancing the quality of life for these children and their families; and

WHEREAS, through its uniquely sensitive and comforting Magical Caps for Kids program, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection distributes thousands of beautifully hand made caps and decorated baseball caps to children who want to protect their heads following the trauma of chemotherapy, surgery and/or radiation treatments; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection also sponsor nationwide Courageous Kid recognition award ceremonies and hospital celebrations in honor of a child's determination and bravery to fight the battle against childhood cancer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE, the Cochise County Board of Supervisors do hereby proclaim the week of April 24-30, 2011, to be Childhood Cancer Awareness Week in Cochise County, Arizona.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of April, 2011.

Patrick Call, Chairman

Ann English, Vice-Chairman

Richard Searle, Supervisor