

## *Proclamation*

- Whereas,* *Relay For Life is a life-changing event sponsored by the American Cancer Society that helps communities across the globe celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against the disease; and*
- Whereas,* *one person can make a difference, which was evident with the story that began in Tacoma, Washington in the mid-1980s with Dr. Gordy Klatt, a Tacoma colorectal surgeon, who wanted to enhance the income of his local American Cancer Society office and show support for all of his patients who had battled cancer. Dr. Klatt decided to personally raise money for the fight by doing something he enjoyed - running marathons; and*
- Whereas,* *through Dr. Klatt's efforts during which he ran for 24 hours and raised \$27,000 to fight cancer that first year, his vision has become a national event providing the opportunity for thousands of communities to come together to plan team relay events and other fund-raising activities which are instrumental in helping the American Cancer Society save more lives; and*
- Whereas,* *today, Relay For Life is a walkathon but still serves to increase cancer awareness while raising funds for the American Cancer Society's patient service programs, cancer research, advocacy, and community education. Teams formed by local businesses, community groups, friends, and families raise funds before the event, in recognition of the estimated 1.9 million new cases of cancer diagnosed in the United States and the 606,570 people estimated that died from the disease in 2021; and*
- Whereas,* *on Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the Beach Cities Relay For Life will be held at Alta Vista Park in Redondo Beach and offers a rare opportunity to focus attention on the devastating effects of cancer affecting our citizens.*

*Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved* that I, Steve Napolitano, Mayor of the City of Manhattan Beach, California, on behalf of the City Council and the residents of Manhattan Beach, do hereby recognize and commemorate

## *Beach Cities Relay For Life*

*and encourage all residents to participate in celebrating cancer survivors, remember loved ones who are no longer with us and help raise funds to make a difference in the fight against cancer. Together we will find a cure.*

*Dated* this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2022.

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MAYOR STEVE NAPOLITANO

