

*City of Santa Clara*  
**Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** Courageous Kids Day was founded in 1989 by two-time cancer survivor Gay Crawford, an active American Cancer Society volunteer as “a day away from cancer” for hundreds of young cancer patients and their families, who come from throughout California for a day at California’s Great America in Santa Clara; and
- WHEREAS,** about 9,620 children in the United States under the age of 15 will be diagnosed with cancer in 2024, and cancer is the second leading cause of death in children ages 1 to 14; and
- WHEREAS,** since its inception, more than 18,000 children with cancer have attended Courageous Kids Day (some more than once); and
- WHEREAS,** this day for the courageous kids and their families helps them to put aside some of the stress and have fun together with a day of enjoying amusement rides, a picnic lunch, balloon toss, hula hoop contest, quilt making, arts & crafts, family portraits, obstacle course, and even climbing on construction vehicles; and
- WHEREAS,** the American Cancer Society is a nationwide, community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem; and
- WHEREAS,** the event volunteers, sponsors, and donors help make this event possible by giving their time, services and much-needed funds that support American Cancer Society childhood cancer research.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LISA M. GILLMOR,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor, and on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby recognize the

**2024 Courageous Kids Day**

in the City of Santa Clara and recognize the courage of all the children and their families fighting against.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the City of Santa Clara, California, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2024.

**LISA M. GILLMOR**  
**MAYOR**  
**City of Santa Clara**

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