

City of Capitola Mayor's Proclamation

Designating October 9, 2018, as PANS Awareness Day

WHEREAS, pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome, or PANS, is an inflammation on a child's brain triggered by a faulty immune response. The affected child quickly begins to exhibit symptoms such as obsessive-compulsive disorder, severe restrictive eating, anxiety, tics, personality changes, decline in math and handwriting abilities, and more.

WHEREAS, nearly 1 percent of the pediatric population in the United States suffers from PANS, including residents of Capitola; and

WHEREAS, misdiagnoses address the apparent symptoms, but ignore the underlying infection and result in ineffective treatment; and

WHEREAS, without proper diagnoses and clinical treatment, PANS can result in debilitating conditions that have a significant impact on the lives of those affected; and

WHEREAS, families affected by PANS often experience problems such as misdiagnoses, difficulty finding a medical expert, lack of access to treatment, and high treatment costs; and

WHEREAS, every year on October 9th, a nationwide observance of PANS and associated disorders is organized by patients, medical professionals, researchers, government officials, and others to raise awareness of the disease; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael Termini, Mayor of Capitola, hereby proclaim October 9th as PANS Awareness Day and encourage the citizens of Capitola to become informed and aware of the disorder.

*Michael Termini, Mayor
Signed and sealed this 27th day of September, 2018*