



# City of Woodland

## REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR  
AND CITY COUNCIL

DATE: September 15, 2009

SUBJECT: Proclamation of Support for American Cancer Society Relay for Life

### **Report in Brief**

Annually the City Council has proclaimed their support for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life Fund Raiser in the City.

Staff recommends that the City Council issue the attached Proclamation of support this year as the event is October 10 through October 11, 2009.

### **Background**

Council has shown their support for this event on an annual basis formally since 2002. This year, once again, City employees have put together teams for the event which raises funds for cancer research. The event has become extremely well accepted and is attended by many individuals. Funds raised generally exceed the expectations. Families participate in all of associated events.

Staff participates on their own time without cost to the City.

### **Discussion**

The American Cancer Society has actively supported many efforts to eradicate and eliminate the various forms of cancer in our society. One of the most successful fund raising events is that of the "Relay for Life". Woodland has hosted one of these events for the past seven years and several of City employees put together teams to participate in the fundraising. The dates scheduled for the event this year is October 10 and 11, 2009, at the Woodland High School stadium. This event is quite impressive in that these thousands of enthusiastic walkers including men, women and children all enjoy the event and the cause it represents. Many area merchants, restaurants and local celebrities become involved and provide encouragement to those participating. The American Cancer Society urges support for this event to further research on this disease. The survival rate has

steadily increased due to earlier detection and methods of treatment directly related to the efforts and funds raised by this and other events.

**Recommendation for Action**

Staff recommends that the City Council issue the attached Proclamation of support this year as the event is October 10 through October 11, 2009.

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Attachment: Proclamation

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Proclamation - Relay for Life – October 10 and 11, 2009

**WHEREAS**, the American Cancer Society will hold the 10th Annual Relay for Life in Woodland on October 10 and 11, 2009 to raise funds for cancer research while emphasizing the importance of early detection and reminding all there is hope of surviving cancer; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Relay for Life is part of a Nationwide series of walks raising money for cancer research, education and patient services; and,

**WHEREAS**, thousands of walkers from throughout the Nation will participate in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life walk; and,

**WHEREAS**, the American Cancer Society is the largest non-profit source of cancer research in the United States; and,

**WHEREAS**, the American Cancer Society is dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem and to ensure that all segments of the population benefit to the fullest extent from advances in the understanding of cancer; and,

**WHEREAS**, nearly 850,000 Californians alive today have a history of cancer and about 15 million Californians now living will eventually have cancer.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the City Council of the City of Woodland does hereby proclaim their support for the Relay for Life program, commend the American Cancer Society for their continuous fight against cancer, and recognize the staff and hundreds of volunteers for their dedication and efforts toward making this Annual Campaign successful.

Dated this 15th day of September, 2009

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Marlin H. Davies, Mayor

Artemio Pimentel, Vice-Mayor

Martie L. Dote, Council Member

William L. Marble, Council Member

Jeff W. Monroe, Council Member