

Proclamation

Hepatitis B Awareness Week May 19 – 26, 2024

WHEREAS, hepatitis B is a serious infection of the liver that is responsible for up to 80% of liver cancer cases; and

WHEREAS, during Hepatitis B Awareness Week, community and public health partners work to shed light on the impact of these hidden epidemics by raising awareness of viral hepatitis while encouraging testing and vaccination; and

WHEREAS, Team HBV San Jose, led by a group of 13 Archbishop Mitty High School students, aims to help create a concerted hepatitis B and liver cancer awareness effort in the community; and

WHEREAS, Team HBV San Jose members have effectively delivered health information to over 350 individuals through various outreach events at the public libraries, a street fair and fundraisers. Through the interactions in the form of trivia questions and games, it helped identify at-risk individuals and encourage them to seek medical advice; and

WHEREAS, Team HBV San Jose members delivered the important message that 1 million people die each year due to complications caused by hepatitis B. Most of those infected are not aware of their infection because there are no symptoms until it is too late; and

WHEREAS, the City of Redwood City supports Team HBV San Jose's efforts in bringing awareness to the seriousness and importance of early detection of this disease.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, JEFF GEE, MAYOR OF REDWOOD CITY, on behalf of the City Council and the people of the City of Redwood City, do hereby recognize **May 19-26, 2024 as Hepatitis B Awareness Week**, including **May 19, 2024 as Hepatitis Testing Day** in Redwood City and urge all citizens to help to improve everyone's understanding of viral hepatitis transmission and risk factors, and to decrease social stigma against viral hepatitis.

Date: May 19, 2024



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