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Monday to be declared "David Carter Day" by West Basin Municipal Water District Board of Directors

CARSON, Calif.—In support of a young Palos Verdes High School student in his fight against cancer, the West Basin Municipal Water District Board of Directors is declaring Monday, June 22nd, 2009 to be David Carter Day. "David Carter Day" was initiated by West Basin Director Ronald C. (Ron) Smith, who represents the Palos Verdes Peninsula.

While most students are enjoying summer vacation, David Carter is in the Intensive Care Unit at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA undergoing treatment for Lymphoma. David became ill in early April with a 'mysterious' illness. In May, he was admitted to Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA.

David is just 15 years old and recently completed his freshman year at Palos Verdes High School (PVHS). David is an athlete, competing this year on the Sea Kings football and track teams, and received the PVHS Freshman Football Team Coaches Award.

In a demonstration of solidarity, some of his teammates have shaved their heads. His shaved-head teammates – one of whom hadn't gotten a haircut in 6 ½ years - will receive a proclamation in his honor at the West Basin Board meeting. David's grandparents are also expected to be in attendance.

Growing up in Palos Verdes, David attended Silver Spur Elementary School and Palos Verdes Intermediate School. He participated in Palos Verdes Little League baseball, Pony League baseball, PVBA basketball, AYSO Soccer, and PV Youth football. David is consistently recognized by his coaches for his hard work ethic, character and sportsmanship and received the league-wide 2008 Pony League sportsmanship award.

David is involved in his community through Los Hermanos, a local service organization. He also enjoyed volunteering his summer time with Camp Escapades, a camp for children with special needs. David refereed Little League baseball games and has walked dogs for elderly neighbors. David is active in his church at Rolling Hills Covenant Church and his high school Impact youth group. David Carter is the son of Jeff and Lisa Carter.

The West Basin Board of Directors wishes David a speedy recovery.

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