

PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 2014, AS

ADULT LITERACY AWARENESS MONTH

PROCLAIMED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

WHEREAS, the people of the County of San Mateo represent our greatest resource; and

WHEREAS, the strength and prosperity of our community are affected by every resident's ability to read, write, compute, and communicate effectively; and

WHEREAS, these abilities affect individuals and families as well as the economic and social vitality of San Mateo County; and

WHEREAS, in 1984, the California State Library recognized the need to foster adult and family literacy and established California Library Literacy Services to promote literacy by providing services to English-speaking adult learners and their families through California's public libraries; and

WHEREAS, San Mateo County READS, the adult literacy program of San Mateo County Library, has utilized the services of literacy professionals as well as volunteer literacy tutors since 1987 to help adults achieve their literacy goals by offering free one-on-one tutoring and beginning computer instruction; and

WHEREAS, volunteer tutors make a huge difference in the lives of low-literate adults and more residents are needed to help renew and sustain the spirit of community through volunteer action; and

WHEREAS, the California Library Literacy Services is celebrating thirty years and San Mateo County READS is celebrating twenty-seven years of transforming lives through providing services for adults with low literacy skills,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby declares September 2014 as ADULT LITERACY AWARENESS MONTH in San Mateo County.

Dated: September 9, 2014

Supervisors:

Dave Pine, President

Carole Groom

Don Horsley

Warren Slocum

Adrienne J. Tissier

Attest: Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors