

Proclamation

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING MARCH 25th to MARCH 31st, 2024 as

FARMWORKER AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS, FARMWORKER AWARENESS WEEK was created to raise awareness about farmworker conditions and to honor their important contributions and the spirit and work of labor leaders Dolores Huerta, Larry Itliong, and Cesar Chávez; and

WHEREAS, San Mateo County’s Farmworker Advisory Commission, Puente de la Costa Sur (PUENTE), Ayudando Latinos a Soñar (ALAS), Abundant Grace Coastsides Worker and Coastsides Hope are key partners that advocate for and uplift the voices of farmworkers in San Mateo County, honoring the legacy of the farmworker movement and recognizing farmworkers as the pillars of the agriculture economy; and

WHEREAS, farmworkers are important to San Mateo County, particularly on the coastsides, driving the regions’ agricultural and floriculture economies that produced \$92 million in agricultural production in 2022; and

WHEREAS, farmworkers feed the world, handpicking 85% of fruits and vegetables, but even as more and more Americans are interested in where their food comes from, few are thinking about who picked it, and farmworkers remain in the shadow; and

WHEREAS, farmworkers continue to be among the lowest paid workers in the state, often facing wage theft and other workplace violations, experiencing jobs that are among the third most dangerous in the U.S. especially as climate-related hazards worsen, and where they continue to suffer racial, cultural, and ethnic discrimination.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates March 25th through March 31st, 2024 as **FARMWORKER AWARENESS WEEK** in San Mateo County to acknowledge the important role of farmworkers in the community and to support continued efforts to improve conditions in which they work and live.

Dated: March 26, 2024

Supervisors:

Warren Slocum, President

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Attest: Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors