

PROCLAMATION

*THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING*

San Mateo County as a Certified Welcoming County

WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo is dedicated to promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion, recognizing that our community's strength lies in the richness of its cultural, ethnic, and linguistic diversity; and

WHEREAS, embracing and celebrating this diversity contributes to the vibrancy and resilience of our community, creating an environment where everyone feels valued, respected, and able to thrive; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Welcoming initiative recognizes and acknowledges communities that have taken intentional steps to create a welcoming atmosphere for all individuals, regardless of their background, fostering a sense of belonging and unity; and

WHEREAS, today we announce that San Mateo County has been formally designated a Certified Welcoming Place, the first County in California to achieve the designation and the first in the nation to achieve it at the 4-star level (the highest being 5-star); and

WHEREAS, this designation acknowledges all the partners in San Mateo County who work together and have created policies and programs reflecting their values and commitment to immigrant inclusion; and

WHEREAS, San Mateo County strives to strengthen the partnerships across San Mateo County, and we work together to connect individuals from diverse backgrounds, with an aim of empowering communities and their residents to reach their utmost civic, social and economic potential; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates San Mateo County a Certified Welcoming County: *Embracing Diversity and Inclusivity*.

Dated: January 30, 2024

SUPERVISORS:

WARREN SLOCUM, PRESIDENT

DAVE PINE

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RAY MUELLER

DAVID J. CANEPA

Attest: _____
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors