

# RESOLUTION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING

## NAMI SMC on its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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**WHEREAS**, the National Alliance on Mental Health (NAMI as it is known today) is the result of the efforts of a few courageous San Mateo County parent leaders, families, friends and professionals who worked tirelessly in the 1970s and 1980s to give birth to an organization that would completely change the way the community viewed mental illness; and

**WHEREAS**, during that time families dreamed of the day when a child with schizophrenia would be treated no differently than a child with another chronic illness like leukemia or heart disease; and

**WHEREAS**, NAMI San Mateo County all began when Eve Oliphant placed a newspaper ad inviting people to her home to share their concerns regarding mentally ill family members. The meeting was organized by three parents: Tony Hoffman, Fran Hoffman and Eve Oliphant. This trio founded the organization originally called Parents of Adult Schizophrenics (PAS) and led it from 1974 into the 1980s; and

**WHEREAS**, the organization they started in San Mateo turned into a national movement to inform and educate the country about mental illness and advocate for the rights and care of mentally ill family members; and

**WHEREAS**, there are now three important levels of NAMI: local, state and national. Since its 1979 inception in San Mateo, NAMI (National) has established itself as the most formidable grassroots mental health advocacy organization in the country; and

**WHEREAS**, the NAMI signature education programs have served as a beacon of hope for hundreds of thousands of families and individuals across the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, NAMI SMC is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary April 27, 2024 in South San Francisco;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby honors and commends **the National Alliance on Mental Health San Mateo County on celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.**

**Dated:** April 23, 2024

SUPERVISORS:

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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors