PROCLAMATION

**THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DESIGNATING FEBRUARY 2024 as**

Grand Jury Awareness Month

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WHEREAS, the Civil Grand Jury is made up of 19 citizens who serve the County of San Mateo for a one-year term after selection; and

WHEREAS, the individual Grand Jurors are selected from volunteer applicants that are screened and qualified by the judges of the Superior Court, with a final selection of the 19 obtained by random drawing; and

WHEREAS, the jurisdiction of the Grand Jury extends to all activities of local government within the geographic limits of San Mateo County; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Jury is granted subpoena powers that extend to records, persons and entities, and parallel powers to undertake independent investigations and issue Public Reports detailing the results of these investigations; and to function as a completely independent and autonomous body; and

WHEREAS, the primary function of the Grand Jury is to provide independent oversight into the efficacy, effectiveness, honesty and impartiality of government by the citizens of San Mateo County; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Jury, in a large measure, relies upon public awareness and responsiveness of the public to its public reports which detail in findings and recommendations; and

WHEREAS, it is believed that public awareness and responsiveness of the Grand Jury's function and purpose can be furthered by government declarations of awareness;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates February 2024 as Grand Jury Awareness Month for all citizens to become better acquainted with the purposes of the Grand Jury, to give attention to the Grand Jury's public reports, and to encourage public participation in the Grand Jury process.

Dated: February 13, 2024

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