

PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING FEBRUARY 2024 AS

National Children’s Dental Health Month

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**WHEREAS**, Tooth Decay, also known as Dental Caries, is the most common chronic health condition for children in the United States and, if left untreated, tooth decay in children can lead to malnutrition, lack of sleep, anxiety, difficulty concentrating and learning, missed school days and increased dental care costs; and

**WHEREAS**, California ranked 3rd worst among all states for children with tooth decay and cavities in 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, a 2018-19 Report found that 61% of third graders in California had experienced tooth decay, with 22% of children having untreated decay; and

**WHEREAS**, the Kindergarten Oral Health Assessment (KOHA), chaptered via Assembly Bill 1433 and revised via Senate Bill 379, seeks to improve oral health outcomes of children entering the public school system for the first time; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2023, approximately 26% of students entering kindergarten in San Mateo County had untreated decay; and

**WHEREAS**, the San Mateo County Oral Health Coalition, in partnership with the San Mateo County Oral Public Health Program, seeks to improve oral health outcomes for children in the County through collaboration and coordination of services.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby proclaims the Month of February 2024 as National Children’s Dental Health Month.

**Dated: February 13, 2024**

SUPERVISORS:

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Attest: Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors