



THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING JANUARY 2026 AS

Blood Donation Month

WHEREAS, January is recognized nationally as **Blood Donation Month** to raise awareness of the urgent and ongoing need for blood donations, particularly during the winter months when donations typically decline due to holidays, illness, and severe weather, while the demand for blood in hospitals remains constant; and

WHEREAS, across the United States, thousands of patients depend on a stable blood supply every day for surgeries, trauma care, cancer treatments, childbirth, and management of chronic and life-threatening conditions; and

WHEREAS, in San Mateo County, local hospitals, emergency departments, and trauma centers rely on timely access to donated blood to provide lifesaving care to more than 700,000 residents and to the many individuals who work in, travel to, and visit the County each year; and

WHEREAS, community blood centers serving San Mateo County experience seasonal shortages, particularly in January, placing added strain on the local healthcare system and underscoring the importance of a strong, dependable local donor base; and

WHEREAS, to help address this need, a community blood drive will be held on Tuesday, January 27, 2026, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the First Floor Conference Room at 455 County Center, Redwood City, providing residents and County employees an opportunity to donate locally and directly support patients in our region; and

WHEREAS, residents of San Mateo County have a long history of generosity through participation in blood drives hosted by schools, faith-based organizations, nonprofit partners, and County departments, helping ensure that blood is available when emergencies strike.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates January 2026 as **Blood Donation Month** and encourages all residents, businesses, community organizations, and County agencies to observe this month by supporting and participating in blood donation efforts, including the January 27 blood drive, to help ensure a safe and adequate blood supply for San Mateo County and communities across the country.

Dated: January 27, 2026

SUPERVISORS:

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