

Proclamation

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION COMMEMORATING JANUARY 2024 AS

BLOOD DONOR MONTH

IN SAN MATEO COUNTY

WHEREAS, January was designated as National **Blood Donor Month** in 1969 by President Richard Nixon with the intention of honoring voluntary blood donors, elevating the increased need for donations during the winter months, and to encourage people to give blood as it is always in critical need; and

WHEREAS, during winter months, blood donation tends to decline due to weather conditions and seasonal illnesses that can impact blood drives and collections nationwide, and yet the need is frequently greatest at this time; and

WHEREAS, over the years, the effort to promote blood donation has grown nationwide, uniting blood donation organizations, communities, and volunteers with a mission to build and maintain a stable, sufficient, and continuous blood supply; and

WHEREAS, the Stanford Blood Center was created in 1978 to meet the increasingly large and complex transfusion needs of Stanford Health Care and the Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital, continuing to do robust outreach, partnering with San Mateo County community organizations, local businesses and local governments to foster community education and connect local donors through the mobile blood donation program; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo has also led the push for blood donation by holding blood drive events for employees in which every pint of blood donated is a “blood bank credit” that offsets the cost of blood purchased from the blood center for inpatient care and surgeries, and in this way, employees directly contribute to the lifesaving needs of residents,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby commemorates January 2024, as **Blood Donation Month** in San Mateo County, expresses appreciation for local organizations promoting blood donation, and urges residents who are able to consider blood donation as a vital service to the community and residents of San Mateo County.

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