

Proclamation

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING MARCH 19th, 2024 as

AGRICULTURE DAY

WHEREAS, National Agriculture Day recognizes the contributions of farmers, ranchers, ranch hands, foresters, farmworkers, and agricultural stewards; and

WHEREAS, in San Mateo County, the agriculture industry contributes a total of \$216 million to the local economy and provides over 4,700 jobs; and

WHEREAS, the agriculture industry is especially important along the San Mateo County coast, while housing only 12.5% of the county's population, the region contributes to 94% of its direct, agricultural economic output; and

WHEREAS, San Mateo County's Department of Agriculture/Weights and Measures, Health Department, Planning Department, and the Agricultural Advisory Committee work to protect agricultural and environmental resources, preserve agriculture as a critical component of the local economy, and promote innovative programs that protect public welfare, access to fresh, local produce, and the farming community; and

WHEREAS, the strength and future viability of the local agriculture industry is further bolstered by the work of San Mateo County's Farm Bureau, Resource Conservation District, Midpeninsula Open Space and Regional Trust, Abundant Grace Coastside Worker, the San Mateo County Fair, Certified Farmers Markets, UC Cooperative Extension, 4H, Future Farmers of America, and the various educational and demonstration farms on the coastside.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates March 19th, 2024, as **AGRICULTURE DAY** in San Mateo County to celebrate and recognize the countless contributions of agricultural producers, workers, and stewards, and promote ongoing support for sustainable agricultural practices, and locally grown and sourced products.

Dated: March 12, 2024

Supervisors:

Warren Slocum, President

Dave Pine

Noelia Corzo

Ray Mueller

David J. Canepa

Attest: Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors