

PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING NOVEMBER 5, 2024 AS

FIRST TIME VOTER RECOGNITION DAY

WHEREAS, first-time voter recognition day is an effort by San Mateo County to recognize the importance of democracy and the vital role that first-time voters play in our democratic process; and

WHEREAS, voting is a fundamental right and responsibility of all citizens, including the youth, and it allows individuals to have their voice represented in policy making and governance; and

WHEREAS, encouraging 17-year-olds to pre-register early can increase their likelihood of voting once they turn 18 and are eligible to vote in their first election; and

WHEREAS, studies have displayed that youth who vote in their first eligible election are more likely to continue voting afterwards and become lifelong voters; and

WHEREAS, statistically speaking, 46% of youth, ages 18-29, weren't contacted by either major political party or campaign in 2020, highlighting the need to abandon the likely voter model and increase outreach to young voters; and

WHEREAS, social media and public recognition of first-time voters, on official government sites, can encourage other young voters to participate; and

WHEREAS, first-time voters should receive personalized certificates recognizing their first vote and signed by local officials;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates November 5, 2024 as First Time Voter Recognition Day.

Dated: October 8, 2024

SUPERVISORS:

WARREN SLOCUM, PRESIDENT

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Attest: _____
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors