

PROCLAMATION

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

RECOVERY HAPPENS MONTH

WHEREAS, the month of September 2024 is National Recovery Month, which aims to educate Americans about how substance use treatment and mental health services can empower individuals with mental and/or substance use disorders to lead healthy and fulfilling lives; and

WHEREAS, the San Mateo Behavioral Health Recovery Services, Office of Diversity and Equity and Voices of Recovery, the only peer-led substance use and mental health non-profit organization in San Mateo County, supports the essential building blocks of social and economic well-being, such as housing, education, job skills, and efforts to help individuals in their recovery journey, enabling them to build productive, drug-free lives and overcome mental health challenges; and

WHEREAS, according to the CDC’s National Center for Health Statistics, 107,275 people in the United States died from drug overdoses and poisonings in the 12-month period ending in January 2022 and of these deaths, two-thirds (67 percent) involved synthetic opioids like fentanyl, which is often mixed with other drugs; and

WHEREAS, San Mateo County believe that building and sustaining thriving treatment and prevention providers are the cornerstone to a healthy, inclusive and equitable recovery community; and

WHEREAS, prevention works and treatment is an effective investment in Recovery that leads peers to a more sustainable future; and

WHEREAS, this September, the theme for National Recovery Month 2024 is “Recovery is for Everyone: Every Person, Every Family, Every Community” and serves as a powerful reminder to those in recovery and their supporters that no one is alone on this journey. While each person’s path to recovery is unique, we are all united in this together; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo State of California hereby designates September 2024 as Recovery Happens Month to highlight the ways integrated care, as strong sense of community, sense of purpose and leadership all play a role in recovery and nurturing a healthier county.

Dated: September 10, 2024

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