

RESOLUTION NO. .

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO'S COMMITMENT TO THE WELL-BEING OF CURRENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS BY SUPPORTING THE UNITED NATIONS DECLARATION ON FUTURE GENERATIONS

WHEREAS, San Mateo County envisions a future where all residents, now and in the years to come, can grow, prosper, and thrive in communities built on fairness, foresight, and connection; and

WHEREAS, studies show that most mental health issues start before age 25, and that many young people feel stress from high costs, climate concerns, and discrimination; and

WHEREAS, more than a quarter of County residents are under 24 and nearly one in five are over 65, showing the importance of serving both young and older people in County decisions; and

WHEREAS, San Mateo County was the first County in the nation to declare loneliness a public health crisis; and

WHEREAS, San Mateo County has long supported youth leadership through its Youth Commission and other youth advisory groups; and

WHEREAS, building a better future for all generations requires including people of every age and working together toward shared goals; and

WHEREAS, The United Nations Declaration on Future Generations emphasizes that what we do today affects the future of our planet and its people; and

WHEREAS, Research shows that thinking about and planning can reduce anxiety and build a stronger sense of purpose and hope; and

WHEREAS, the 2015 Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act shows how using foresight and working together across society can build lasting prosperity, fairness, and care for the environment; and

WHEREAS, with the end of Shared Vision 2025, San Mateo County has a chance to lead the nation by making long-term thinking, fairness across generations, and youth partnership part of its governance and planning; and

WHEREAS, the County understands that people, the planet, and communities are closely connected, and that holistic, future-focused decisions lead to greater effectiveness, resilience, and sustainability.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo affirms commitment to the well-being of current and future generations by supporting the United Nations Declaration on Future Generations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County of San Mateo will explore and implement innovative approaches to include youth and young adults in governance, fostering diverse and active participation for all generations in County boards and commissions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo will continue to lead the nation in reimagining governance as a partnership across ages to ensure that hope, agency, meaning, and connection define the future that is created.

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