

## THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING

## Department of Emergency Management

## For conducting the 21st Annual Disaster Preparedness Day

WHEREAS, the safety and resilience of San Mateo County depend on the readiness of its residents, businesses, and public agencies to respond effectively in the face of disasters, both natural and human-caused; and

WHEREAS, the **Department of Emergency Management** (DEM), under the leadership of Director Dr. Shruti Dhapodkar and Assistant Director Ryan Reynolds, has consistently demonstrated exemplary dedication to community preparedness, interagency coordination, and public education; and

**WHEREAS**, on Saturday, August 2, 2025, the **Department of Emergency Management** will host the 21st Annual Disaster Preparedness Day at the San Mateo County Event Center, a free, family-friendly event that provides hands-on emergency skills training, access to vital preparedness resources, and opportunities to connect with first responders and community volunteers; and

**WHEREAS**, this year's event takes on added urgency following a recent tsunami advisory issued for the California coast, underscoring the importance of early warning systems, risk awareness, and timely, accurate public information; and

WHEREAS, the Department has expanded access to innovative tools such as the San Mateo County Tsunami Hazard Area Dashboard, while encouraging widespread enrollment in SMC Alert, the County's emergency notification system; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors recognizes that true community preparedness relies not only on professional responders but on informed, empowered residents who take proactive steps to prepare themselves and their families;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo hereby commends the **Department of Emergency** Management for its outstanding leadership, commitment to public safety, and enduring contributions to disaster preparedness through the continued success of Disaster Preparedness Day; and

**SUPERVISORS:** 

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board encourages all residents of San Mateo County to attend this year's event, take steps toward readiness, and help build a safer, more resilient community for all.

Dated: August 2, 2025

## DAVID J. CANEPA, PRESIDENT JACKIE SPEIER NOELIA CORZO RAY MUELLER LISA GAUTHIER

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