

PROCLAMATION

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

March 2022 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

WHEREAS, nationwide, approximately 5 million people have developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, in California, more than 700,000 adults and children have some form of a developmental disability, and the vast majority of these individuals are primarily or solely supported throughout their lifespan by their families; and

WHEREAS, people with a developmental disability are of all racial, ethnic, educational, social, and economic backgrounds, and all are valued members of society who find fulfillment living everyday lives; and

WHEREAS, people with developmental disabilities deserve equal opportunities to enjoy, participate in and contribute to their local communities alongside their neighbors without disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo is committed to recognizing that every person, regardless of perceived ability, has valuable strengths, infinite capacity to learn and make decisions, and the capability to make important contributions to their communities if given opportunities to do so; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo is therefore committed to encouraging communities and other support structures to promote higher expectations and self-determination for individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month" is an appropriate time to recognize the County of San Mateo's public policy accomplishments concerning persons with disabilities and to also identify improvements to public policy that facilitate full inclusion of the County of San Mateo's residents with developmental disabilities and their families;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates the month of March as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, valuing what is important to people with disabilities and their families who are striving for everyday lives no different than that of all other citizens.

Dated: March 22, 2022

SUPERVISORS:

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Attest: _____
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors