

PROCLAMATION

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

December 21st 2022 as National Unhoused Persons' Memorial Day

WHEREAS, National Unhoused Persons' Memorial Day, which occurs on December 21st, was commemorated in 1990, and honors the lives of homeless people who die every year; and

WHEREAS, National Unhoused Persons' Memorial Day acknowledges the devastation of homelessness and serves to stand as a public memorial in recognition of the neighbors, families, and friends who have died on the streets; and

WHEREAS, homelessness continues to be a serious challenge for many San Mateo County residents who have the right to adequate food, housing, clothing, safety and health care; and

WHEREAS, homelessness severely elevates one's risk of illness, injury, and death. Unhoused individuals are also at an increased risk of dying due to the exposure to cold in the winter months; and

WHEREAS, housing is a fundamental right and a basic human need; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo acknowledges that homelessness increased by 20 % in San Mateo County and San Mateo County is committed to ending homelessness and unhoused deaths;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates December 21st 2022 as National Unhoused Persons' Memorial Day month, recognizing the tragedies, honoring the unhoused lives taken, and pledging to commit best efforts to prevent homeless deaths.

Dated:

SUPERVISORS:

DON HORSLEY, PRESIDENT

DAVE PINE

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DAVID J. CANEPA

WARREN SLOCUM

Attest: _____
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors