

Proclamation

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 AS

National Voter Registration Day

WHEREAS, the exercise of American democracy is carried out in part through the conduct of a democratic process of electing representatives to voice the concerns of the people, and individuals participate in our democracy by registering to vote; and

WHEREAS, eligible citizens shall not be prevented from registering to vote or barred from the right to vote by their ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, age or disability, nor through a test of land ownership, literacy or fluency; and

WHEREAS, to encourage voter registration, the State of California allows the pre-registration of 16 and 17-year old residents; and

WHEREAS, nevertheless, every year millions of Americans find themselves unable to vote because they miss a registration deadline, neglect to update their registration information, or may not know how to register; and

WHEREAS, National Voter Registration Day, now celebrating its 10th anniversary, presents an opportunity to create broad awareness of voter registration opportunities, encourages individuals to register to vote who might not otherwise do so, and is a day of civic unity celebrating democracy and the rights and opportunities we all share as Americans; and

WHEREAS, National Voter Registration Day is held on the fourth Tuesday of September, and since 2012 nearly 4.7 million voters, including 1.5 million in 2020 alone, have used this day to register to vote across all 50 states.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates September 19, 2023, as National Voter Registration Day, and encourages all eligible voters in San Mateo County to register to vote or confirm their voter registration status on that date.

Dated: September 12, 2023

SUPERVISORS:

DAVE PINE, President

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Attest: _____
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors