PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING MARCH 2025

AGRICULTURE MONTH

WHEREAS, this proclamation recognizes the contributions of farmers, ranchers, ranch hands, foresters, farmworkers, and agricultural stewards; and

WHEREAS, in San Mateo County, the agriculture industry contributes a total of \$223 million to the local economy and provides over 1,900 jobs; and

WHEREAS, the agriculture industry is especially important along the San Mateo County coast, which houses only 12.5% of the county's population and contributes to 94% of its direct, agricultural economic output; and

WHEREAS, San Mateo County's Department of Agriculture/Weights and Measures, Health Department, Planning Department, and the Agricultural Advisory Committee work to protect agricultural and environmental resources, preserve agriculture as a critical component of the local economy, and promote innovative programs that protect public welfare, access to fresh, local produce, and the farming community; and

WHEREAS, the strength and future viability of the local agriculture industry is further bolstered by the work of San Mateo County's Farm Bureau, Resource Conservation District, Mid-Peninsula Regional Open Space, Abundant Grace Coastside Worker, the San Mateo County Fair, The HEAL Project, Certified Farmers Markets, UC Cooperative Extension, 4H, Future Farmers of America, and the various educational and demonstration farms on the coastside.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates March 2025 as **AGRICULTURE MONTH** in San Mateo County to celebrate and recognize the countless contributions of agricultural producers, workers, and stewards, and to promote ongoing support for sustainable agricultural practices, and locally grown and sourced products.

Dated: March 11, 2025

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