

Resolution

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

Scott Morrow, MD, MPH

Upon his retirement as

San Mateo County Health Officer

WHEREAS, SCOTT MORROW’s tenure as the health officer for San Mateo County for more than thirty-years led to his outstanding contributions to addressing numerous public health crises, including communicable diseases such as HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, H1N1 Influenza, Ebola, Zika, E-Coli and West Nile virus, as well as deeply rooted and widespread evolving problems such as childhood obesity; and

WHEREAS, SCOTT MORROW’s practice as a primary care physician addressing chronic disease and passion for addressing the root causes of poor health led him to raise awareness about social determinants of health; champion promoting local and sustainable food sources; linking school and juvenile-justice connected children and youth to gardening and nature; promoting healing through parks prescriptions; and continuing to improve built environments to promote health equity; connecting the dots between livable, walkable cities and good health; addressing traumatic experiences of children, caregivers, and first-responders; and introducing monitoring and follow up of drug overdoses; and

WHEREAS, SCOTT MORROW’s already substantial contributions culminated in his leadership role responding to the Covid-19 pandemic crisis commencing in early 2020 and continuing for more than three years; this epic catastrophe demanded new heights of Scott Morrow’s personal expertise, leadership, and stamina; and

WHEREAS, SCOTT MORROW’s experience navigating many prior events led him to understand how important it was to be prepared to meet the moment of crisis and to mobilize quickly, working closely with partners and institute protective measures, ultimately saving thousands of lives, and his authentic communication, courage and sustaining relationships also helped him help others find the best path forward through the Covid-19 pandemic, while balancing the meaning and implications for each impacted person, their family, their organizations and communities;.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby honors and commends Scott Morrow on his retirement for his outstanding public service to the residents of San Mateo County, and joins his colleagues, partners and staff in their immense gratitude for his contributions to protecting and improving the health of San Mateo County residents and living in the full spirit of All Together Better.

Dated: October 17, 2023

SUPERVISORS:

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Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors