

Proclamation

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION TO RECOGNIZE
DECEMBER 21, 2020 AS
NATIONAL HOMELESS PERSONS' MEMORIAL DAY

National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day

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

WHEREAS, National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day, acknowledge 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, National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day, encourages communities across the country to join, not only in remembrance of those who died, but to reflect on the tragedy of homelessness and to call for meaningful action and policy changes; and

WHEREAS, National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day, recognizes that homelessness severely elevates one's risk of illness, injury, and death and homeless individuals are at an increased risk are at an increased risk of dying due to the exposure to cold in the winter months; and

WHEREAS, National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day, will acknowledge that homelessness increased by 42% in San Mateo County and San Mateo County will, therefore, commit best efforts preventing homeless deaths;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County hereby recognizes December 21, 2020 as National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day – recognizing the tragedies, honoring the homeless lives taken, and pledging to commit best efforts to prevent homeless deaths.

Dated: December 8, 2020

SUPERVISORS:

WARREN SLOCUM, PRESIDENT

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DAVID J. CANEPA

Attest: _____
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors