

# PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DESIGNATING May 2014 AS

## Asthma Awareness Month

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*WHEREAS, 11.4% of San Mateo County children have been diagnosed with asthma, amounting to approximately 17,000 local young people aged 0-17 years living with this chronic breathing condition in 2011-2012; and*

*WHEREAS, 13.3% of San Mateo County adults have been diagnosed with asthma, amounting to 75,000 adults in our community living with this disease in 2011-2012; and*

*WHEREAS, disparities in asthma control are evident in differences in emergency department/urgent care clinic visits in California, with Latinos almost twice as likely as Caucasians to visit an emergency department or urgent care clinic for asthma in 2011-2012, and African Americans over four times as likely; and*

*WHEREAS, community efforts by the Asthma Coalition, Tobacco Education Coalition, Family Health Services SCAMP program and Environmental Health Services have focused efforts on maintaining healthy housing options in the community; and*

*WHEREAS, promoting child care-based and school-based programs to improve asthma care and encouraging the use of cleaners and maintenance practices that are asthma-friendly, the establishment and enforcement of regulations requiring healthy conditions in rental housing, and the development of programs to improve access to medical care are all having a positive impact on the health of people with asthma; and*

*WHEREAS, people can take steps to decrease the burden of asthma in their communities by stopping smoking, controlling energy use to decrease air pollution, and educating people with asthma on both medical and environmental approaches to controlling asthma; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates May 2014 as Asthma Awareness Month and the Board commends those who are working to decrease the burden of asthma among the residents of the county, and encourages others to join in this effort.*

*Dated: May 20, 2014*

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