

# PROCLAMATION

**THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF APRIL 24-30, 2022 AS  
NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK**

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**PROCLAIMED**, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

**WHEREAS**, this commemorative week celebrates the perseverance and commitment that launched the victims' rights movement 40 years ago and continues to advance the cause of justice for crime victims; and

**WHEREAS**, crime has a lasting impact on the lives of victims and our community; and

**WHEREAS**, crime can effect anyone regardless of age, national origin, race, creed, religion, gender, sexual orientation, immigration, or economic status; and

**WHEREAS**, every crime victim deserves justice and the assurance that their safety, wellbeing, and rights will be protected; and

**WHEREAS**, a trauma-informed multidisciplinary response, involving collaboration among victim service professionals, criminal justice officials, legal professionals, medical and mental health providers, and community leaders is essential to reaching and serving all victims – especially those who are marginalized, have disabilities, or who live in underserved areas; and

**WHEREAS**, providing victims with knowledge of their rights and available services further strengthens their ability to recover by restoring a sense of self-empowerment; and

**WHEREAS**, with the support of victim service providers and the community behind them, victims will be empowered to face their grief, loss, fear, and anger without fear of judgment, and will feel understood, heard, and respected; and

**WHEREAS**, the Victim Services Division of the San Mateo County District Attorney's Office, having provided assistance to approximately 19,000 victims of crime in 2021, is dedicated to providing trauma-informed services in the aftermath of crime, building resilience in our communities and working for justice for victims and survivors; and

**WHEREAS**, National Crime Victims' Rights Week provides an opportunity for our community to recommit to ensuring that accessible, appropriate, and trauma-informed services are offered to all victims of crime;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County designates **April 24 – 30, 2022 as NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK** in the County of San Mateo and encourages everyone to recommit efforts to ensuring that victims of crime receive all appropriate services in the aftermath of crime; and expressing our sincere gratitude and appreciation for those community members, victim service providers and criminal justice professionals who are committed to improving our response to victims of crime so that they may find assistance, support, justice and peace.

**Dated: April 19, 2022**

SUPERVISORS:

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*DON HORSLEY, PRESIDENT*

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DAVE PINE

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*CAROLE GROOM*

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*DAVID J. CANEPA*

Attest:

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*Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors*