

# PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
PROCLANATION DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER AS

## SAN MATEO COUNTY DISASTER PREPAREDNESS MONTH

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

**WHEREAS**, since 2005, San Mateo County has set aside a day each year to focus on the importance of **Disaster Preparedness** by offering an educational event that encourages all residents to plan for disasters; but in 2020, because of the corona virus pandemic, this event will not be able to take place and instead the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors is designating September as **Disaster Preparedness Month**; and

**WHEREAS**, since Hurricane Katrina made landfall in Louisiana, **Disaster Preparedness Day** has been an important component of planning in San Mateo County and was led by then-California State Senator Jackie Speier, and continuing today under the leadership of Supervisor Carole Groom to include the COVID-19 pandemic and the wildfires of 2020, to discuss local disaster preparedness; and

**WHEREAS**, **Disaster Preparedness Day** was initiated at the first meeting of local San Mateo County officials in September 2005 and was placed under the leadership of Supervisor Adrienne J. Tissier and then-Sheriff Don Horsley who promptly hosted the 1st Annual Disaster Preparedness Day in November 2005 at the San Mateo County Expo Center (now the San Mateo County Event Center); and is now supported by Supervisor Carole Groom; and

**WHEREAS**, **Disaster Preparedness** continues to be an important concept that promotes the health and well-being of San Mateo County residents by reminding local policy makers and residents of the importance of preparing for disaster, and

**WHEREAS**, **Disaster Preparedness** is recognized nationally during the month of September, and San Mateo County encourages all residents to review their personal emergency plans, become involved in their community planning, and know what resources are available to them,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County, State of California, hereby designates September as **Disaster Preparedness Month in San Mateo County** and it hereby expresses its sincere hope that the residents of San Mateo County continue to prepare and survive during this incredible year as they shelter in place.

Dated: September 15, 2020

Supervisors:

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WARREN SLOCUM, PRESIDENT

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DAVE PINE

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CAROLE GROOM

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DON HORSLEY

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DAVID J. CANEPA

Attest:

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Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors