

**RESOLUTION NO. .**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE FY 2017 DNA CAPACITY ENHANCEMENT AND BACKLOG REDUCTION (CEBR) PROGRAM GRANT AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,000, FOR THE TERM OF JANUARY 1, 2015 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019**

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

**WHEREAS**, the DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction (CEBR) Program, offered through the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice (NIJ), assists eligible units of local government to reduce forensic DNA sample turnaround time, increase the output of public DNA laboratories, and reduce DNA forensic casework backlogs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sheriff's Office applied for and was awarded the FY 2017 DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction (CEBR) Program grant in the amount of \$150,000, for the term of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, funding will be applied towards: 1) funding travel and training expenses for two Criminalists to attend the 2017 Promega International Symposium on Human Identification and the 2018 American Academy of Forensic Sciences Seminar; and 2) purchasing supplies for use in evidence examination; and

**WHEREAS**, funding provided by the grant allows DNA analysts to fulfill their annual training requirement. In addition, attending these seminars provides DNA

analysts the opportunity to learn about new technologies, such as new robotics and software programs used by other forensic laboratories to reduce their backlogs and enhance their capacity. DNA analysts also benefit from hearing about upcoming technologies and advances in the field of forensic DNA that are in development but not yet in use in laboratory casework; and

**WHEREAS**, these expenditures will assist in reducing forensic DNA sample turnaround time and casework backlogs which will improve the efficiency and DNA evidence processing ability of Laboratory personnel, thus aiding all aspects of the criminal justice system in the County.

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED** that the Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County of San Mateo, hereby accepts the FY 2017 DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction (CEBR) Program grant award in the amount of \$150,000 for the Sheriff's Office Forensic Laboratory.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Sheriff or Sheriff's designee is hereby authorized and directed to execute all necessary documents in connection with this grant including but not limited to contracts, agreements, amendments, and grant assurances.

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