

PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING OCTOBER 21 – 27, 2018 AS

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week

WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo supports a healthy and safe environment for children and is dedicated to protecting the health of all children; and

WHEREAS, even at very low amounts, lead is a potent poison that can cause serious long term harm including shortened attention span, hyperactivity, aggressive behavior, learning disabilities, and other developmental problems for children; and

WHEREAS, lead contaminated paint, dust, and soil are commonly found in and around homes constructed before 1978, and are the major sources of lead exposure among U.S. children; and

WHEREAS, over 80% of homes in San Mateo County were constructed before 1978, lead safe work in renovating or repairing deteriorating buildings can reduce the risk of lead exposure; and

WHEREAS, most lead-exposed children do not look or act sick, blood lead testing at age 1 and again at age 2 is recommended for all at-risk children, especially those spending time in pre-1978 homes; and

WHEREAS, this year’s theme, “Dust and dirt with lead can hurt. Keep kids away from lead where they play”, underscores the importance of identifying, safely removing or controlling lead hazards in a child’s environment before they are harmed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates the October 21 to 27, 2018 as Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week in San Mateo County. The Board calls upon all residents to learn more about childhood lead poisoning, identify and eliminate local lead hazards, and ensure that all children under age six who are at risk for lead poisoning receive a blood lead test.

Dated: October 23, 2018

SUPERVISORS:

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Attest: _____
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors