

# PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 22, 2020

## National Voter Registration Day

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**WHEREAS**, the exercise of American democracy is carried out in part through the conduct of a democratic process of electing representatives to voice the concerns of the people, and individuals participate in our democracy by registering to vote; and

**WHEREAS**, an eligible citizen shall not be prevented from registering to vote or barred from the right to vote by his or her ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, nor a test of land, literacy, or fluency; and

**WHEREAS**, to encourage voter registration the State of California now allows the pre-registration of 16 and 17-year old residents; and

**WHEREAS**, nevertheless every year millions of Americans find themselves unable to vote because they miss a registration deadline, neglect to update their registration information, or may not know how to register; and

**WHEREAS**, National Voter Registration Day, first observed in 2012, presents an opportunity to create broad awareness of voter registration opportunities, encourages individuals to register to vote who might not otherwise do so, and is a day of civic unity celebrating democracy and the rights and opportunities we all share as Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, National Voter Registration Day is held on the fourth Tuesday of September, and nearly 3 million voters across all 50 states have registered to vote on that Day, including 1.3 million in 2018-2019 alone.

**WHEREAS**, the deadline to register to vote in California for any election is 15 days prior to Election Day, but eligible voters can still register conditionally after that.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates September 22, 2020, as National Voter Registration Day, and encourages all eligible voters in San Mateo county to register to vote.

*Dated: September 15, 2020*

SUPERVISORS:

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*WARREN SLOCUM, President*

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*DAVID J. CANEPA*

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors