Proclamation

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 15 – OCTOBER 15, 2022 as

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Latinx Heritage Month

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WHEREAS, Latinx Heritage Month is celebrated each year, from September 15 through October 15 to embrace the history, culture, and contributions of Latin American countries and individuals; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 Latinx Heritage Month Observance Theme is "Unidos: Inclusivity for a Stronger Nation" which encourages us to ensure that all voices are represented and welcomed to help build stronger communities and a stronger nation.

WHEREAS, in San Mateo County, the Latinx community accounts for 24 % of the population, with the largest concentration of Latinx residents in District 4 with over 74% in North Fair Oaks, 36% in Redwood City and 60% in East Palo Alto, according to the 2020 Census.

WHEREAS, the Latinx community has shared their food, language, festivities, and culture to all in San Mateo County and immigrants have worked hard to have access to opportunities, as they also share the idea of believing in the Promise of this Nation; and

WHEREAS, Latinx heritage is rooted deeply in our state, with approximately 15.6 million Latinx calling California their home; and

WHEREAS, throughout California history, our Latinx communities have fought inequalities and injustices, shaping the state's social, political and economic landscapes, and that legacy continues today; and

WHEREAS, by committing to highlight the contributions made by the vibrant Latinx culture, we must share our values of compassion, kindness, and overall empathy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates September 15 through October 15, 2022 as Latinx Heritage Month and we are mindful that what unites is far greater than what divides, honoring and respecting the Latinx culture and history.

Dated: September 13, 2022

SUPERVISORS:

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DON HORSLEY, PRESIDENT

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WARREN SLOCUM

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DAVID J. CANEPA

Attest: _____
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors