

Proclamation

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

May 2024

as

National Hepatitis Awareness Month

WHEREAS, hepatitis B and C are the leading cause of liver cancer and liver transplants, and more people die in California from hepatitis B and C related liver disease than in any other state; and

WHEREAS, chronic hepatitis B afflicts an estimated 2.2 million Americans and, in the United States, the highest rate of chronic hepatitis B and hepatitis B-related liver cancer is in the state of California, primarily in the San Francisco Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, hepatitis B infection and liver cancer remain the greatest health disparity for Asian and Pacific Islanders. Asian and Pacific Islanders have the highest rate of liver cancer of any ethnic group, and liver cancer is the second most common cause of cancer death in Asian American men; and

WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islanders make up 6.1 percent of the U.S. population, but account for 58 percent of Americans living with hepatitis B; and

WHEREAS, the estimated Asian Pacific Islander population in San Mateo County is 34% and the prevalence of chronic hepatitis B is estimated to be 10,744; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in 2023 recommended that all adults aged 18 years and older be tested for hepatitis B at least once in their lifetime and has recommended universal hepatitis B vaccination among all adults aged 19 to 59 years, as well as for for adults aged 60 and older with risk factors for hepatitis B; and

WHEREAS, SF Hep B Free - Bay Area was created in 2007 as one of the first municipal hepatitis B awareness campaigns in the country and has grown into one of the largest healthcare campaigns for Asian and Pacific Islanders in the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates May 2024 as National Hepatitis Awareness Month to raise awareness of hepatitis B and C, and encourages all residents to know their hepatitis status.

Dated: May 7, 2024

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Attest: _____
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors