

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING MAY, 2021 AS

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

WHEREAS, San Mateo County has a rapidly growing population of older Americans in the community; and

WHEREAS, San Mateo County includes Older Americans who continue to richly contribute to our community, they are leaders and trailblazers of our community; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that what it means “to age” has changed-for the better; and

WHEREAS, San Mateo County is committed to supporting older adults as they take charge of their health, explore new opportunities and activities and focus on independence; and

WHEREAS, San Mateo County has supported and administered programs for our older adults during the COVID-19 pandemic such as the Great Plates Delivered Program to address food insecurity being faced by those sheltering in place; and

WHEREAS, San Mateo County is acknowledging and involving all individuals in redefining aging in our community and supporting the efforts for cities to become “age friendly,”; and

WHEREAS, San Mateo County is promoting home and community-based services that support independent living; and

WHEREAS, San Mateo County acknowledges and promotes the state Master Plan for Aging as a blueprint to create communities where older adult Americans are valued, engaged and afforded equitable opportunity to thrive as they age; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Older Americans month is to highlight the unique contributions of older adults to our local San Mateo community, state, and nation, while acknowledging the responsibility of policymakers to care for this population; and

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Commission on Aging provides the Board of Supervisors recommendations on policy matters including health, nutrition, affordable housing, employment, elder abuse, transportation, and during the COVID-19 pandemic, the increasing need for emergency preparedness, and addressing social isolation, and support in accessing technology resources; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates May, 2021 as Older Americans Month and joins the U.S. Administration for Community Living in encouraging all San Mateo County residents to observe the month by celebrating older Americans with the theme to build “Communities of Strength.”

Dated: May 4, 2020

SUPERVISORS:

DAVID J. CANEPA, PRESIDENT

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Attest: _____
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors