



THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING
JULY 17, 2026 AS

Jerry Hill Day

WHEREAS, Gerald “Jerry” Hill is a Bay Area native who grew up in San Francisco, where he graduated from Balboa High School; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Hill is a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, and later received a secondary teaching credential from San Francisco State University; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Hill has established an extraordinary legacy of civic devotion in San Mateo County, beginning his career in elected public service as a Council Member on the San Mateo City Council from 1991 to 1998, including a distinguished term as Mayor of San Mateo in 1994, where he championed one of California’s very first municipal ordinances regulating tobacco sales and restricting smoking in public spaces, and where he served as a board member for San Mateo Transit District (SamTrans) and the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Authority (Caltrain); and

WHEREAS, Jerry Hill subsequently served with immense distinction on the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors from 1998 to 2008, representing the Second District, where he successfully spearheaded the expansion of the Children’s Health Initiative to provide vital healthcare coverage to more than 17,000 children and co-led the critical regional effort to establish a new, comprehensive county homeless shelter, and served as a representative on the California Air Resources Board and as chair of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, Jerry Hill was elected to the California State Assembly, representing the 19th District until 2012, and was later elected to the California State Senate, representing the 13th District from 2012 to 2020; and

WHEREAS, following the tragic San Bruno gas pipeline explosion in 2010, Jerry Hill emerged as California’s leading legislative voice for utility accountability, courageously challenging corporate oversight, passing landmark pipeline safety laws, and successfully shielding disaster survivors from paying state taxes on their relief payments; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Hill’s legislation on flavored tobacco products imposed the strongest state restrictions in the United State on the retail sales of flavored tobacco products, saving countless lives; and

WHEREAS, throughout his dynamic tenure in Sacramento, Jerry Hill authored more than 100 bills that were signed into law and his many other accomplishment include: being named "Legislator of the Year" for Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) by cracking down on repeat DUI offenders; authoring the landmark "Patient's Right to Know Act" to protect medical consumers; safeguarding public access to Martins Beach; securing a 100% legislative voting record from environmental champions like the Sierra Club and the League of Conservation Voters; and being named by California Clean Money Action Fund as it’s "Clean Money Champion" for "his leadership in pushing for real reform"; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Hill has continually paired his policy expertise with a passion for mentorship, serving as a credentialed teacher and adjunct public policy professor to inspire the next generation of civic leaders.

WHEREAS, Jerry Hill is a kind, funny, smart, mentor and friend to many, with a gift to entertain as a skilled amateur magician.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates declares July 17, 2026 to be Jerry Hill Day throughout San Mateo County, and encourages all residents to celebrate his lifetime of dedicated service to the Peninsula and the State of California.

Dated: June 9, 2026

SUPERVISORS:

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