



THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING MAY 17-23, 2026 AS

# *National Search and Rescue Week*

**WHEREAS**, **National Search and Rescue Week**, observed May 17–23, 2026, recognizes the dedicated professionals and volunteers across the nation who respond at all hours, in all conditions, to locate missing persons, assist those in distress, and save lives; and

**WHEREAS**, the field of search and rescue requires an extraordinary level of technical expertise, physical endurance, and mental fortitude to operate in diverse environments ranging from rugged wilderness and coastal waters to urban disaster zones; and

**WHEREAS**, San Mateo County’s six professional and all-volunteer Search and Rescue Teams provide critical emergency response services and expertise, not only to San Mateo County, but across the state, through wilderness search operations, technical rescue support, disaster assistance, evidence searches, mutual aid support, public safety education, and coordinated service with allied local, state, and federal agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, this week honors the selfless spirit of the individuals who leave their homes and families at a moment’s notice, often in the most hazardous weather and terrain, to ensure that no one is left behind and that every person in distress has a chance to return home safely; and

**WHEREAS**, search and rescue operations are a cornerstone of public safety, requiring seamless coordination between local, state, and federal agencies to execute complex lifesaving missions; and

**WHEREAS**, by designating this week **National Search and Rescue Week**, we aim to increase public awareness of the essential services provided by search and rescue personnel and to foster a deeper community appreciation for the risks they undertake on behalf of the public; and

**WHEREAS**, this observance of **National Search and Rescue Week** encourages all San Mateo County residents to recognize the vital importance of disaster preparedness, outdoor safety, and the enduring humanitarian mission that defines the search and rescue community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes May 17–23, 2026 as **National Search and Rescue Week** and encourages interested residents to explore opportunities to volunteer in support of this important lifesaving mission.

**Dated: May 19, 2026**

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