

PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 2024 as

National Preparedness Month

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) first sponsored National Preparedness Month in 2004 as a nationwide effort to increase personal preparedness for emergencies and large-scale disasters in local communities and has continued the annual tradition which this year focuses on our Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities ; and

WHEREAS, communities and families across the nation are using National Preparedness Month as an opportunity to reflect upon their preparedness in the event of emergencies including storms, earthquake, biological and chemical threats, heat events, power outages, cyber security, and wildfire; and

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Department of Emergency Management (DEM) recently hosted the 20th annual Disaster Preparedness Day where over 1800 visitors participated in activities and workshops on various aspects of preparedness including learning Stop-the-Bleed, hands-only CPR, How to use a Fire Extinguisher and How to Pack a Go Bag – some of which were conducted in English, Spanish, and Mandarin; and

WHEREAS, individuals and families are encouraged to use the many resources available to them and sign up for alerts at www.SMCAAlert.info as well as to Know Your Zone through the Genasys Protect website and app at <https://protect.genasys.com> and websites such as the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) website www.ready.gov, the San Mateo County Department of Emergency Management website at www.smcgov.org/DEM and by following a variety of reliable sources on social media; and

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County DEM encourages everyone to make preparedness a part of their daily routine by taking a class such as CPR, Stop-the-Bleed, First Aid, well as assembling a kit to sustain you for seven days, and a Go Bag to keep you comfortable for up to three days should you have to evacuate your home.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County hereby designates September 2024 as National Preparedness Month in San Mateo County and encourages all residents to remain informed and educated to share in the community-wide responsibility of being better prepared.

Dated: September 10, 2024

SUPERVISORS:

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