

PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING MARCH 25th to MARCH 31st AS

FARMWORKER AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS, NATIONAL FARMWORKER AWARENESS WEEK was created to raise awareness about farmworker conditions and to honor their important contributions and the spirit and work of labor leaders Dolores Huerta, Larry Itliong, and Cesar Chávez; and

WHEREAS, Puente de la Costa Sur (PUENTE), Ayudando Latinos a Soñar (ALAS) and Coastside Hope will join with organizations across the United States to celebrate **NATIONAL FARMWORKER AWARENESS WEEK** which honors the legacy of the farmworker movement; and

WHEREAS, farmworkers are important to San Mateo County, particularly on the Coast, as they fuel the regions' agricultural and floriculture economies that produced \$98 million in 2021; and

WHEREAS, farmworkers feed the world, handpicking 85% of fruits and vegetables, but even as more and more Americans are interested in where their food comes from, few are thinking about who picked it, and farmworkers remain in the shadow; and

WHEREAS, farmworkers continue to be among the lowest paid workers in our state, their jobs are among the third most dangerous in the U.S., and they continue to suffer racial, cultural, and ethnic discrimination.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates March 25th through March 31st **NATIONAL FARMWORKER AWARENESS WEEK** to acknowledge the important role of farmworkers in our community and to support continued efforts to improve conditions in which they work and live.

Dated: March 25, 2023

SUPERVISORS:

DAVE PINE, PRESIDENT

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Attest: _____
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors