

PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF

September 2020 Suicide Prevention Month

WHEREAS, suicide is a public health issue that affects all San Mateo County residents, and everyone has a role to play in preventing suicide; and

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Suicide Prevention Committee, Star Vista and partners are promoting 2020 September Suicide Prevention Month with the focus on the theme “Stronger Together”; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, there were over 12,300 San Mateo County calls reaching out to the local StarVista 24/7 Crisis Hotline (650-579-0350) or National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (1-800-273-TALK) for assistance; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, 64 individuals died by suicide in San Mateo County, according to the San Mateo County Coroner’s Office; each impacting family members, friends, loved ones and, by extension, the entire community; and

WHEREAS, suicide affects all cultural groups by age, race/ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion/spirituality, disability, economic status, military/veteran status, relationship status, residential geography and more. Every culture has different suicide risk and protective factors to consider in suicide prevention efforts; and

WHEREAS, led by the San Mateo County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, the Suicide Prevention Committee consists of County staff, community-based organizations and community members who provide oversight and direction to suicide prevention efforts in the County, and continues to implement the strategies in the 2017-2020 Suicide Prevention Roadmap, as well as hosts community events during September Suicide Prevention Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates the month of September 2020 as Suicide Prevention Month and calls upon the residents, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools in San Mateo County to work together to prevent suicides in our community.

Dated: September 15, 2020

SUPERVISORS:

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Attest: _____
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors