

RESOLUTION NO. _____

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS OF THE
SAN MATEO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

WHEREAS, codes of conduct are common among governing bodies of California local agencies, and a number of city councils, school district boards of trustees and county boards of supervisors have adopted codes of conduct, as have the California Senate and United States House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, The Ethics Compliance Initiative has stated the following with respect to codes of conduct: “A well-written code of conduct clarifies an organization’s mission, values and principles, linking them with standards of professional conduct. The code articulates the values the organization wishes to foster in leaders and employees and, in doing so, defines desired behavior. As a result, written codes of conduct or ethics can become benchmarks against which individual and organizational performance can be measured.”; and

WHEREAS, the Board has been presented with a proposed Code of Conduct (“Code of Conduct”) that articulates the Board’s commitment to the highest ideals of integrity and its recognition that advancing the public interest and betterment of the community are its members’ primary concern; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Code of Conduct establishes ten over-arching principles addressing the Board of Supervisors' purpose, ethics, equal opportunity, courtesy, collective action, collaboration, communication, confidentiality and legal compliance; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to establish the Code of Conduct, which is included as Exhibit A to this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the Code of Conduct is hereby established.

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