

# PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 2023 AS

## RECOVERY HAPPENS MONTH

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*WHEREAS, each September, the County of San Mateo County joins communities across the nation in celebrating National Recovery Month to celebrate people who have reclaimed their lives through recovery from substance use and mental health conditions and to honor the greater community that makes recovery possible with evidence-based practices and treatments; and*

*WHEREAS, every day in San Mateo County because of National Recovery Month, a positive message is spread to peers from all walks of life that behavioral health is both possible and essential to recovery and wellness; and*

*WHEREAS, treatment and prevention providers across the communities of San Mateo County have dedicated themselves to promoting health, saving lives, destigmatizing recovery, and educating the public about substance use and co-occurring disorders; and*

*WHEREAS, every day, in San Mateo County, men, women, and youth enter treatment for substance use and mental health disorders and begin the road to wellness and recovery in a system which emphasizes behavioral health as an essential part of overall health; and*

*WHEREAS, San Mateo County continues to support Recovery Month's mission to improve the lives of those living with these disorders, to celebrate individuals in recovery, and to acknowledge those working to provide integrated recovery services; and*

*WHEREAS, prevention works, treatment is effective, and recovery is possible;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo State of California, hereby designates September 2023 as Recovery Happens Month to highlight the ways integrated care, a strong sense of community, sense of purpose, and leadership all play a role in recovery and nurturing a healthier county.*

*Dated: September 12, 2023*

**Supervisors:**

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*Dave Pine, President*

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*Warren Slocum*

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*Noelia Corzo*

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*David J. Canepa*

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*Ray Mueller*

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*Attest: Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors*