

PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING JANUARY 2022 AS
National Stalking Awareness Month

WHEREAS, under the laws of all fifty states, the U.S. Territories, the District of Columbia, and federal government, stalking is a crime; and

WHEREAS, 6- 7.5 million people are stalked in a one-year period in the United States, and the majority of victims are stalked by someone they know; and

WHEREAS, 3 in 4 women killed by an intimate partner have been stalked by that intimate partner; and

WHEREAS, many stalking victims lose time from work and experience serious psychological distress and lost productivity at a much higher rate than the general population; and

WHEREAS, many stalking victims are forced to protect themselves by relocating, changing their identities, changing jobs, and obtaining protection orders; and

WHEREAS, many stalkers use technology—such as cell phones, global positioning systems (GPS), cameras, and spyware—to monitor and track their victims; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for great public awareness about the nature, criminality, and potential lethality of stalking; and

WHEREAS, San Mateo County is joining forces with victim service providers, criminal justice officials, and concerned citizens throughout the County of San Mateo and the United States to observe National Stalking Awareness Month,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates the month of January as National Stalking Awareness Month and applaud the efforts of the many victim service providers, police officers, prosecutors, national and community organizations, and private sector supporters for their efforts in promoting awareness about stalking.

Dated: January 25, 2022

SUPERVISORS:

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Attest: _____
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors