

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

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

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DECLARATION OF A SHELTER CRISIS IN THE  
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, PURSUANT TO  
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 8698.2**

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

**WHEREAS**, the County of San Mateo has developed a strategic plan to end  
homelessness and has undertaken multiple efforts at the local level to address  
homelessness; and

**WHEREAS**, even with County, City and community efforts, recent data shows  
that there continues to be a need for increased shelter capacity to minimize threats to  
the health and safety of persons experiencing homelessness; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of San Mateo finds that the number of persons  
experiencing homelessness is significant; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of San Mateo finds that 1,512 persons were  
experiencing homelessness on the night of the 2019 One Day Homeless Count,  
including 901 without shelter and 611 residing in shelter programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of San Mateo finds that homeless outreach programs served 1,272 people in San Mateo County who were experiencing unsheltered homelessness in calendar year 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness continue to be at higher risk of physical and mental health issues than those who are housed, due to their lack of a safe place to live, support systems, and health and other services, among a variety of other health and safety-related challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, these same issues can, in turn, also significantly increase an unsheltered person's risk of serious complications from COVID-19, and therefore, with the continuing COVID-19 pandemic, the health and safety of unsheltered persons within the County continues to be compromised, especially as the community continues to experience variant-related surges; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of San Mateo finds that the health and safety of homeless persons in the County of San Mateo is threatened by a lack of housing and shelter; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of San Mateo affirms the County's commitment to addressing homelessness and enhancing the shelter and housing supports available to those in the County living without shelter or housing.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED**, that the President of this Board of Supervisors be and is hereby authorized and directed to

declare that that a shelter crisis pursuant to Government Code section 8698.2 exists in the County of San Mateo.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall remain in place through December 31, 2023.

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