

PROCLAMATION

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

February 2022 as National Cancer Prevention Month

WHEREAS, there are about 12.7 million cancer cases globally every year, and this number is expected to increase to 26 million by 2030. The US has the 7th highest overall cancer rate in the world; and

WHEREAS, during National Cancer Control Month, we celebrate the progress made against this disease, and we reaffirm our County's commitment to preventing cancer, improving treatments and the delivery of care, and finding a cure; and

WHEREAS, progress begins with helping people take steps to lower their risk for many kinds of cancer. Tobacco use remains the top cause of cancer deaths in the United States. By helping people quit smoking and limiting exposure to secondhand smoke, we can reduce cancer risk and save lives. Eating healthy, getting regular physical activity, limiting alcohol consumption, and reducing sun exposure when the sun is at its peak can also help reduce the risk of getting cancer; and

WHEREAS, other actions that help to prevent cancer or catch it early include routine checkups, treating or preventing other health conditions, and knowing your risk factors; and

WHEREAS, in the United States and in the County of San Mateo, many of the greatest reductions in cancer morbidity and mortality have been achieved through the implementation of effective public education and policy initiatives; and

WHEREAS, it remains imperative that we identify strategies to enhance the dissemination and implementation of our current knowledge of cancer prevention, and to implement effective evidence-based practices that reduce risky behaviors in all population groups;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates the month of February as National Cancer Prevention Month and encourage citizens, private businesses, nonprofit organizations, and other interested groups to join in activities that will increase awareness of what Americans can do to prevent and control cancer.

Dated: February 8, 2022

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