## RESOLUTION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING

## San Mateo Pride Center

on its

## 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**WHEREAS,** the San Mateo Pride Center, the first LGBTQ+ community center in San Mateo County, has regularly provided critical programming and mental health services for LGBTQ+ people in San Mateo County and throughout the Bay Area since 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, as a partnership between San Mateo County's Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, Outlet of Adolescent Counseling Services, Peninsula Family Service, StarVista and other local organizations, the Pride Center strives to create a safe and affirming community climate that fosters opportunities to thrive for individuals of all ages, sexual orientations and gender identities through education, counseling, advocacy and support; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pride Center provides community-based LGBTQ+ mental health resources and programming, including case management, crisis intervention, individual counseling, collaborative treatment planning and numerous other services to residents who would otherwise need to travel outside of the County to receive treatment; and

**WHEREAS,** in addition to mental health programs, the Pride Center holds regular drop-in hours with a case manager, free monthly legal name and gender change workshops, service referrals and houses an LGBTQ+ library; and

**WHEREAS,** the Pride Center prioritizes clinical services to individuals who are members of marginalized communities, have untreated behavioral needs, are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, are low income and lack safety due to domestic violence abuse; and

**WHEREAS,** the Pride Center regularly holds events including Peer Groups, Therapy Groups, Social, Arts, and Cultural Events, Education and Resource Sharing, Community Meetings and Advocacy Support, and continued to offer these services virtually during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby congratulates the San Mateo Pride Center on its 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and extends its best wishes for the Center's continued success in providing critical services and an inclusive environment for LGBTQ+ people in San Mateo County and the larger Bay Area.

Dated: June 28, 2022

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DON HORSLEY, PRESIDENT
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Attest:

Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors