

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 9 -18, 2022 AS

## Welcoming Week

**WHEREAS**, the County of San Mateo is home to people of all backgrounds, including those who were not born in the United States, but now call it home; and

**WHEREAS**, one out of three residents in the County of San Mateo is an immigrant, and immigrants form a significant part of our population and are a key part of our county's growth; and

**WHEREAS**, new residents are vital to the economy, as they bring fresh perspectives and new ideas, start businesses, and contribute to the vibrant diversity that enhances the County of San Mateo's cultural richness, prosperity, and intellectual base for growth and competition within the global economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of San Mateo values all its residents regardless of where they were born, how they look, what language they speak, or their immigration status; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of San Mateo is proud to be recognized as a Welcoming County since 2018 and is in the process of becoming Certified Welcoming by the national nonprofit Welcoming America; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of San Mateo's continued success depends on ensuring that all residents feel welcome here and recognizing that our progress depends on continuous inclusion of new immigrants; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board wishes to join other cities, counties, and municipalities across the nation in recognizing Welcoming Week as an annual campaign and celebration to showcase the movement of communities striving to be more welcoming places for all, and reaffirming that the County of San Mateo stands as a beacon of freedom and opportunity for all residents.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates September 9 to 18, 2022 as Welcoming Week in San Mateo County.

Dated: September 13, 2022

SUPERVISORS:

DON HORSLEY, PRESIDENT

DAVE PINE

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Attest: