

PROCLAMATION

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

September 2022 Suicide Prevention Month

WHEREAS, San Mateo County will join the country, state and world in honoring Suicide Prevention Month (September), National Suicide Prevention Week (September 4-10) and World Suicide Prevention Day (September 10) to spread the message that suicide can be prevented; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, 54 people died by suicide (34% decrease from 82 in 2020) in San Mateo County; and

WHEREAS: in 2020, 12,297 contacts were received by the San Mateo County StarVista Crisis Hotline, and in July 2022 the StarVista Crisis Hotline received a 10% increase compared to July 2021, likely due to the debut of the 988 number on July 16; and

WHEREAS, San Mateo County residents are urged to play a role in supporting each other and preventing suicide by knowing the signs of suicide, finding the words to communicate and reaching out to local 24/7 resources, including our local San Mateo County StarVista Crisis Hotline (650-579-0350) or National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (988 or 1-800-273-TALK); and

WHEREAS, residents can also play a role in suicide prevention by supporting local Suicide Prevention Month events, advocacy days and communication campaign: the 2022 theme is “Take Action for Suicide Prevention - Thriving at All Ages”; and

WHEREAS, beyond September, you can join the San Mateo County Suicide Prevention Committee, which provides oversight and direction to suicide prevention efforts in the County and focuses on strategies & activities in the Suicide Prevention Roadmap 2021-2026, which recommends activities that span across the continuum of care, including stable housing, education and trainings and risk-appropriate treatment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates September 2022 as Suicide Prevention Month and calls upon everyone in San Mateo County community to find their role in suicide prevention.

Dated: September 13, 2022

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