

# PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING FEBRUARY 1-7, 2023, AS

## NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE SURVIVORS WEEK

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**WHEREAS**, every year, more than 40,000 Americans and 3,160 Californians are killed with guns and approximately 76,000 more Americans and 7,200 Californians are shot and wounded, and gun violence is the leading cause of death for children and teens; and

**WHEREAS**, by early February in each year, more Americans are killed with guns than are killed in our peer countries in an entire calendar year; and

**WHEREAS**, a gun violence survivor is anyone who has personally experienced gun violence, including anyone who has witnessed an act of gun violence or who has been threatened or wounded with a gun, or an individual who has known and cared for someone wounded or killed by a gun, and forms of gun violence can include, but are not limited to gun suicides, gun homicides, domestic violence involving a gun, shootings by law enforcement, and unintentional shootings; and

**WHEREAS**, 59 percent of all American adults (and 71 percent of Black and 60 percent of Latinx Americans), or someone they care for, have experienced gun violence in their lifetime, demonstrating the reach and impact that gun violence has in communities across America; and

**WHEREAS**, people in cities across the United States are working to end this senseless violence by advocating for commonsense gun safety legislation, and by commemorating National Gun Violence Survivors Week on February 1-7, and during this week, local governments across America will raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives stolen by gun violence;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors has allocated \$2 million over two years to establish the San Mateo County Gun Violence Prevention Program in order to keep firearms out of the hands of those who are a danger to themselves or others, and the Board of Supervisors encourages responsible gun ownership to help keep communities safe.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates **February 1 to February 7, 2023, as National Gun Violence Survivors Week.**

*Dated: January 31, 2023*

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Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors