

PROCLAMATION

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

National Children’s Dental Health Month

WHEREAS, Tooth Decay, also known as Dental Caries, is the most common chronic health condition for children in the United States, and when untreated in children can lead to malnutrition, lack of sleep, anxiety, difficulty concentrating and learning, missed school days and increased dental care costs; and

WHEREAS, California ranked 43rd in the nation on oral health status in 2021, and a 2018-19 Report found that 61% of third graders in California had experienced tooth decay, with 22% of children having untreated decay; and

WHEREAS third grade students in the Bay Area Region had a 45% prevalence of tooth decay, with untreated tooth decay at almost 16%; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, approximately 19% of students entering kindergarten in San Mateo County had untreated decay; and

WHEREAS the San Mateo County Oral Health Coalition in partnership with the San Mateo County Oral Public Health Program seeks to improve oral health outcomes for children in the County through collaboration and coordination of services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby proclaim the Month of February 2023, as National Children’s Dental Health Month.

Dated: February 28, 2023

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