RESOLUTION NO	

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DEFERRAL OF IMPLEMENTATION OF SB 43 IN SAN MATEO COUNTY UP TO JANUARY 1, 2026

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

WHEREAS, on October 10, 2023, the California Legislature passed Senate Bill 43 (Eggman), effective as law on January 1, 2024. The new law expands the Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) Act's definition of "gravely disabled" by adding "personal safety" and "necessary medical care" to the definition and including the qualifying conditions "severe substance use disorder or co-occurring with both a severe mental health and severe substance use disorders"; and

WHEREAS, the law requires that alternatives to conservatorship be considered during the conservatorship investigation including Community Assistance, Recovery and Empowerment (CARE) Court, currently in the planning stage in this County; and

WHEREAS, the requisite expansion of services, qualifies as a mandated program requiring state reimbursement, which has not yet been considered and determined by the state; and

WHEREAS, implementation of the expanded definition of gravely disabled requires significant prior collaboration and training among the continuum of partners to

ensure common understanding and consistency in application; and

WHEREAS, deferment of implementation allows time for planning, partnership, training and infrastructure development.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors approves to defer the implementation of SB 43 in San Mateo County until a future date, to be assessed as appropriate by the Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Director in consultation with the County Executive, not later than January 1, 2026.

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