Proclamation

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING JULY 2026 AS

Disability Pride Month

WHEREAS, **Disability Pride Month** is celebrated every year in July to honor the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) on July 26, 1990; and

WHEREAS, **Disability Pride Month** is an opportunity to celebrate the contributions, talents, and achievements of people with disabilities and to affirm their inherent dignity and rights; and

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Commission on Disabilities was established on September 10, 1991 by the Board of Supervisors through Resolution No. 55400, combining the previous Disabilities Task Force and Coordinating Council on Developmental Disabilities to create a stronger, more inclusive advisory body; and

WHEREAS, the Commission on Disabilities has championed initiatives such as the annual Disabilities Art Showcase and the Inclusion Festival, which celebrate the creativity, diversity, and achievements of people with disabilities while fostering a sense of belonging and inclusion within San Mateo County ; and

WHEREAS, the Commission on Disabilities collaborated with community partners to reinstate the Transition to Independence Fair after a two-year hiatus, to connect residents with disabilities to resources for personal and professional development; and

WHEREAS, the Inclusion Festival, to be held this July at 500 County Center in Redwood City, provides an opportunity for community members to gather **during Disability Pride Month**, enjoy performances, learn about resources, and celebrate the contributions of people with disabilities in San Mateo County; and

WHEREAS, in partnership with the County, the Commission on Disabilities recommended and adopted the book *Demystifying Disability* by Emily Ladau as a resource for County employees to promote greater awareness of issues affecting individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, **Disability Pride Month** promotes visibility, awareness, and acceptance of people with disabilities, combating stigma and ableism and fostering a culture of equity and respect in San Mateo County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates **July 2026 as Disability Pride Month** and, in furtherance of that designation, hereby directs that the **Disability Pride** Flag be raised and flown at County Center, and that the County Executive take appropriate actions to authorize the Disability Pride Flag to be flown at other locations owned or operated by the County, during the month of July 2026.

Dated: June 16, 2026

SUPERVISORS:

NOELIA CORZO, PRESIDENT

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ATTEST: _____
DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS