

# PROCLAMATION

*THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING MAY 2012 AS*

## *ASTHMA AWARENESS MONTH*

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

*WHEREAS, in San Mateo County, 18.4% of children, amounting to 27,000 young people, and 10.4% of adults, approximately 59,000 adults, have been diagnosed with asthma and are living with this chronic breathing condition; and*

*WHEREAS, asthma attacks cause people with asthma and their family members to miss thousands of days at work and school each year; and*

*WHEREAS, differences in living conditions and access to health care contribute to racial/ethnic and economic disparities in the prevalence and severity of asthma, as evident in differences in emergency department visits by San Mateo County residents, with African-Americans being 3½ times more likely and Hispanics 2½ times more likely than Caucasians to visit an emergency department for asthma; and*

*WHEREAS, community efforts by the Asthma Coalition, Tobacco Education Coalition, Family Health Services SCAMP program and Environmental Health Services have focused efforts on maintaining healthy housing options in the community; and*

*WHEREAS promoting child care-based and school-based programs to improve asthma care and encouraging the use of cleaners and maintenance practices that are asthma-friendly, the establishment and enforcement of regulations requiring healthy conditions in rental housing, and the development of programs to improve access to medical care are all having a positive impact on the health of people with asthma; and*

*WHEREAS, people can take steps to decrease the burden of asthma in their communities by stopping smoking, controlling energy use to decrease air pollution, and educating people with asthma on both medical and environmental approaches to controlling asthma;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County designates May 2012 as Asthma Awareness Month. The Board commends those who are working to decrease the burden of asthma among the residents of the county, and encourages others to join in this effort.*

*Dated: May 15, 2012*

*Supervisors:*

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*Adrienne J. Tissier, President*

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*Dave Pine*

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*Rose Jacobs Gibson*

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*Attest: Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors*