

Proclamation

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING MARCH 1 THROUGH MARCH 7, 2012 AS
WEIGHTS AND MEASURES WEEK

WHEREAS on March 2, 1799 the Congress of the United States enacted the first WEIGHTS AND MEASURES laws citing the necessity of standards of weights and measures; and

WHEREAS the theme for this year's WEIGHTS AND MEASURES WEEK is "Taking Measure of our Worth"; and

WHEREAS virtually every purchase made by consumers and every commodity transaction made by commercial business is based on weight, measure, or count, and consumers suffer and honest businesses cannot compete fairly when standards of accuracy are not enforced; and

WHEREAS ensuring equity in trade and providing oversight of commercial transactions involving WEIGHTS AND MEASURES is truly a core function of our government; and

WHEREAS the average cost per resident per year in the United States for WEIGHTS AND MEASURES programs is about 70 cents, and that a consumer stands to lose much more than that in a single trip to the store or gas station without it; and

WHEREAS WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ensures the accuracy of commercial devices such as scales, gasoline pumps, taximeters and liquefied petroleum gas dispensers, performs price verification audits of checkout scanners ensuring businesses are charging customers the correct price, checks packaged products to ensure proper weight, measure, or counts, including meat counter audits and performs undercover test purchases of deli products; and

WHEREAS it is in everyone's best interest that WEIGHTS AND MEASURES test scales and measuring devices for accuracy and remove inaccurate devices from service until corrected: and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisor of the County of San Mateo, State of California hereby designates the week of March 1st through March 7th 2012 as WEIGHTS AND MEASURES week in San Mateo County.

Dated: February 28, 2012

SUPERVISORS:

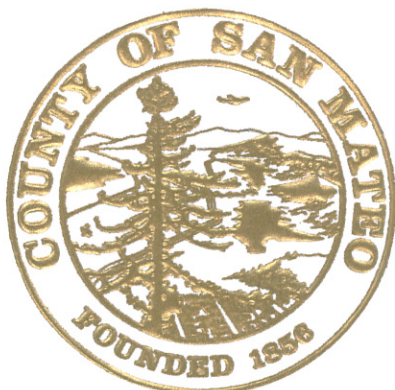
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Attest:

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