PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA DESIGNATING APRIL 2 – 8, 2012 AS

PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

WHEREAS, the week of April 2 – 8, 2012 is NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK, with the theme, "A Healthier America Begins Today: Join the Movement;" and

WHEREAS, the work done by PUBLIC HEALTH to raise awareness of the importance of staying healthy has resulted in significant improvements in preventing diseases, such diabetes, asthma, and heart disease, before they occur; and

WHEREAS, the Health System has made significant progress educating the public and working with community partners, policymakers, and health professionals to advance community design that supports physical activity and access to fresh food and safe spaces to walk and play, in addition to progress towards creating an environment that minimizes exposure to toxic chemicals, such as second-hand smoke; and

WHEREAS, as a result of these efforts, the Health System has contributed to San Mateo County being one of only a few California counties where obesity rates declined significantly over the past five years; and

WHEREAS, San Mateo County recognizes the Health system and many local partners for innovative initiatives and prevention programs designed to improve the health and safety of our residents, communities, and employees; and

WHEREAS, San Mateo County recognizes that PUBLIC HEALTH is much more than healthcare services, and that improving the social, economic and physical environments in our communities directly results in our residents enjoying long, healthy, safe, and injury-free lives,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates April 2 – 8, 2012, as PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK, "A Healthier America Begins Today: Join the Movement," and supports efforts and policies that positively impact and increase opportunities for all residents to make healthy and safe choices.

Dated: April 2, 2012

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