

Proclamation

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA PROCLAIMS AUGUST 5th-11th, 2012 AS

International Assistance Dog Week

WHEREAS, assistance dogs transform the lives of their human partners with physical and mental disabilities and serve as devoted companions, helpers, aides, best friends, and close family members; assistance dogs include service dogs, guide dogs, hearing alert dogs, alert/seizure response dogs;

WHEREAS, guide dogs assist people with vision loss, leading those individuals around physical obstacles and to destinations such as seating, crossing streets, entering or exiting doorways, elevators, stairways;

WHEREAS, service dogs assist people with disabilities with walking, balance, dressing, transferring from place to place, retrieving and carrying items, opening doors and drawers, pushing buttons, pulling wheelchairs and aiding with household chores such as putting in and removing clothes from the washer and dryer;

WHEREAS, hearing alert dogs alert people with a hearing loss to the presence of specific sounds such as doorbells, telephones, crying babies, sirens, and another person, buzzing timers or sensors, knocks at the door as well as smoke, fire, and clock alarms;

WHEREAS, seizure alert/ seizure response dogs and medical alert/medical response dogs alert or respond to medical conditions, such as, strokes, diabetes, epilepsy, post-traumatic stress, seizures, panic, anxiety, and heart attacks;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby declares the week of August 5th-11th, 2012, as “International Assistance Dog Week” in San Mateo County.

Dated: August 14, 2012

Supervisors:

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Adrienne J. Tissier, President*

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Dave Pine*

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Attest: Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors*