

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATES SEPTEMBER 2012 AS

NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH

WHEREAS, *National Recovery Month imparts the knowledge that behavioral health is essential to overall wellness, that prevention works, that treatment is effective, and that people can and do recover; and*

WHEREAS, *substance use and co-occurring mental health disorders and physical illnesses are major public health challenges that affect people of all ages and ethnicities in all communities, and have tremendous medical, economic, and societal costs; and*

WHEREAS, *San Mateo County treatment and prevention providers and County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services staff are dedicated to promoting the recovery process, saving lives, and educating the public about alcohol and drug dependency, co-occurring mental health disorders, and other treatment issues; and*

WHEREAS, *every day San Mateo County men, women, and youth courageously enter treatment for substance use and mental health disorders and begin the road to wellness and recovery; and*

WHEREAS, *persons in recovery lead sober, healthy, productive, and fulfilling lives as parents, students, residents, taxpayers, and members of our workforce as a direct result of prevention, treatment, and recovery services; and*

WHEREAS, *year after year San Mateo County continues to support Recovery Month's mission to improve the lives of those living with substance dependency and mental health disorders, celebrate individuals in recovery, and acknowledge those working to provide recovery services; and*

WHEREAS, *it is critical to educate our friends, family members, health care providers, business leaders, and the greater community that substance use and mental health disorders are treatable, and that people should seek assistance for these conditions, with the same urgency as they would any other health condition.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo designates the month of September 2012 as National Recovery Month.

Dated: September 11, 2012

SUPERVISORS:

ADRIENNE J. TISSIER, President

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Attest: _____
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors