

Proclamation

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DESIGNATING October 24, 2012 AS

Food Day

WHEREAS, garden-based learning uses school gardens, school farms, and community gardens as outdoor classrooms to provide integrated learning experiences in and across disciplines through active, engaging real-world experiences; and

WHEREAS, garden-based learning using standards-based curriculum leads to higher academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, children who participate in garden-based learning programs are much more likely to eat fruits and vegetables and to teach their families about eating fruits and vegetables; and

WHEREAS, community gardens bring people together, beautify communities, raise property values, and offer a source of local food; and

WHEREAS, as of 2012, 52% of San Mateo County public schools have vegetable or herb gardens, there are two dedicated school farms, and there are 15 community gardens in San Mateo County; and

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Food System Alliance (SMFSA), serving as the Food Policy Council for San Mateo County since 2006, is working towards developing a local, and sustainable food system, where all residents have equal access to local, healthy food, regardless of where they live, where farmers can earn a living wage, and where the land can continue to be farmed for subsequent generations; and

WHEREAS, one of the main goals of the SMFSA is to increase the number of school gardens and encourage garden-based learning using a standards-based curriculum and school gardens are the focus of 2012 Food Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates October 24, 2012 as Food Day.

Dated: October 23, 2012

SUPERVISORS:

ADRIENNE J. TISSIER

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CAROLE GROOM

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Attest:

Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors