## **Proclamation**

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA PROCLAIMS FEBRUARY 24<sup>th</sup> – MARCH 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013 AS

## PEACE CORPS WEEK

WHEREAS, the Peace Corps has become an enduring symbol of our nation's commitment to encourage progress, create opportunity, and expand development at the grass-roots level in the developing world; and

WHEREAS, more than 210,000 Americans have served as Peace Corps Volunteers in 139 countries since 1961; and

WHEREAS, during the past 52 years, 28,422 men and women from the state of California have responded to our nation's call to serve by joining the Peace Corps; and

WHEREAS, Peace Corps Volunteers have made significant and lasting contributions around the world in agriculture, business development, information technology, education, health and HIV/AIDS, and the environment, and have improved the lives of individuals and communities around the world; and

WHEREAS, Peace Corps Volunteers have strengthened the ties of friendship and understanding between the people of the United States and those of other countries; and

WHEREAS, Peace Corps Volunteers, enriched by their experiences overseas, have brought their communities throughout the United States a deeper understanding of other cultures and traditions, thereby bringing a domestic dividend to our nation;

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby declares February 24<sup>th</sup> – March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013 as PEACE CORPS WEEK in San Mateo County.* 

Dated: February 24, 2013

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