

Proclamation

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING APRIL 19, 2013 AS

“BE SEEN KEEPIN’ IT CLEAN” EARTH DAY EVENTS

WHEREAS, each year on April 22nd, EARTH DAY, provides a special time to draw more than one billion people worldwide together in appreciation of their mutual home, Planet Earth; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo RecycleWorks Program and the San Mateo Countywide Water Pollution Prevention Program support San Mateo County residents in protecting natural resources and reducing their impact on the environment; and

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Office of Education Safe Routes to Schools Program supports and encourages students to walk or bike to school for health, air quality, and traffic mitigation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Office of Education Safe Routes to Schools Program, the County of San Mateo RecycleWorks Program, and the San Mateo Countywide Water Pollution Prevention Program support efforts to encourage students to walk to school and pick up litter on the way to school; and

WHEREAS, the “Be Seen Keepin’ It Clean” events combine the Earth Day celebration and the Safe Routes to Schools initiatives by working with schools to coordinate students to walk to school for health, air quality, and traffic mitigation purposes, while collecting litter to improve the environment and their neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, students along with family members, school staff, and community volunteers will walk to school together and pick up litter along their way on April 19 as a way to take action to educate young people about pollution, pollution prevention, and resource conservation; and

WHEREAS, the “Be Seen Keepin’ It Clean” events will include student activities at school to support their understanding of types and amount of litter and recyclables collected, the principles of the 4R’s (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Rot), and teach through data analysis; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors and the San Mateo County Office of Education support efforts to improve the health and safety of children, and the development and implementation of educational initiatives to support efforts aimed at conserving natural resources and reducing litter to promote a healthy, sustainable environment for all people regardless of race, gender, income, or geography, by working together with elected officials and department heads, community-based organizations and leaders, schools, unions, and local businesses; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, proclaims April 19, 2013 as “Be Seen Keepin’ It Clean” Earth Day events to demonstrate their support for conserving natural resources and maintaining a healthy, sustainable environment for the well-being of the students and residents of San Mateo County.

Dated: April 9, 2013

SUPERVISORS:

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Attest: _____
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