

Proclamation

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

ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION DAY

WHEREAS, Political sovereignty was vested in the people to ensure a process of remedy and redress against government through a democratic process of electing representatives to voice the people's concerns; and

WHEREAS, Individuals can now easily participate in our democracy by registering to vote online or through a range of traditional means to take advantage of their right to vote, the most important of rights and obligations, and dutifully participate in the electoral system in order to guarantee that democracy works for the people's interests; and

WHEREAS, An eligible citizen shall not be prevented from registering to vote or barred from the right to vote by his or her ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, nor a test of land, literacy, or fluency; and

WHEREAS, Every movement toward universal suffrage, from the inclusion of African Americans to the inclusion of women, strengthens the social fabric; and

WHEREAS, Party affiliation, or lack thereof, should not hinder the state from registering voters; and

WHEREAS, The purpose of Online Voter Registration Day is to encourage participation in democracy and register eligible voters in the state ; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 24 percent of eligible voters in the state are not registered to vote; and

WHEREAS, An eligible voter in the state has multiple avenues to register to vote, including registering at a local public assistance or disability service agency or at the Department of Motor Vehicles, completing and mailing a voter registration card available at all United States post offices, or registering online at the Secretary of State's voter registration Internet Web site; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates the September 19, 2013 as Online Voter Registration Day and encourages all eligible voters in San Mateo County to register to vote prior to the October 21, 2013 deadline for local elections to be held on November 5, 2013.

Dated: September 10, 2013

SUPERVISORS:

DON HORSLEY, PRESIDENT

DAVE PINE

CAROLE GROOM

ADRIENNE J. TISSIER

WARREN SLOCUM

Attest:

Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors