

PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DESIGNATING JUNE 7, 2014 AS

10TH ANNUAL SAN MATEO COUNTY DISASTER PREPAREDNESS DAY

WHEREAS, *the 10th Annual Disaster Preparedness Day* will be held on Saturday, June 7, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. during, and in conjunction with, the first day of the San Mateo County Fair; and

WHEREAS, *Disaster Preparedness Day* was established after Hurricane Katrina, the costliest natural disaster and one of the five deadliest hurricanes in United States history, made landfall in southeast Louisiana on Monday, August 29, 2005 prompting a meeting of San Mateo County officials, led by then California State Senator Jackie Speier, to discuss local disaster preparedness; and

WHEREAS, *Disaster Preparedness Day* was initiated at the first meeting of local San Mateo County officials in September 2005 and was placed under the leadership of Supervisor Adrienne J. Tissier and then Sheriff Don Horsley who promptly hosted the 1st Annual Disaster Preparedness Day in November 2005 at the San Mateo County Expo Center (now the San Mateo County Event Center); and

WHEREAS, *Disaster Preparedness Day* has continued as an annual event hosted at various locations throughout San Mateo County to provide hundreds of families and thousands of residents with complimentary Friends and Family CPR courses, presentations of CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) exercises, emergency vehicles and equipment displays and access to dozens of exhibitors with important information for families including how to create a home disaster preparedness kit; and

WHEREAS, *Disaster Preparedness Day* begins each year with an Opening Ceremony including a presentation of the flags by the San Mateo County Sheriff Department Honor Guard and the presentation of a memorial wreath dedicated to the lives that have been lost due to a disaster; and

WHEREAS, *Disaster Preparedness Day* continues to be an important annual event that promotes the health and well-being of San Mateo County residents by reminding local policy makers and residents of the importance of preparing for disaster.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County, State of California, hereby designates June 7, 2014 as 10th Annual Disaster Preparedness Day in San Mateo County. The Board hereby expresses its gratitude and extends sincere wishes to the organizers of Disaster Preparedness Day for many more years of success.

Dated: June 7, 2014

SUPERVISORS:

DAVE PINE, PRESIDENT

CAROLE GROOM

DON HORSLEY

WARREN SLOCUM

ADRIENNE J. TISSIER

Attest:

Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors