

# Proclamation

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA DESIGNATING JUNE 8 THROUGH JUNE 14, 2013 AS

## FATHERHOOD AWARENESS WEEK

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**WHEREAS**, many of the leading experts on family and child development in the United States agree that it is in the best interest of children to promote more father-involved families and it is important to promote responsible fatherhood and encourage loving and healthy relationships between parents and their children; and

**WHEREAS**, a father's presence in the life of a child is a powerful deterrent to delinquency, and children who maintain relationships with their fathers are more likely to develop healthy adult relationships and to feel secure in who they are; and

**WHEREAS**, millions of single mothers in the United States are heroically struggling to raise their children in safe, loving environments, and millions of men do act responsibly and serve as role models for absent father; and

**WHEREAS**, children who are apart from their biological fathers are, in comparison to other children, 5 times more likely to live in poverty, more likely to be abused, more likely to bring weapons and drugs into the classroom, commit crime, drop out of school, commit suicide, abuse alcohol or drugs and become pregnant as teenagers; and

**WHEREAS**, in the United States, children who are raised without their fathers account for 63 percent of youth suicides, 71 percent of pregnant teenagers, 90 percent of homeless and runaway children, 85 percent of behavior disorders exhibited by children and 71 percent of high school dropouts.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates the week of June 8 to June 14, 2014 as **FATHERHOOD AWARENESS WEEK**, and commends those who are working to improve the lives of children and families through active male involvement, and encourages others to join in this effort.

**Dated: June 3, 2014**

SUPERVISORS:

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**DAVE PINE, President**

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**ADRIENNE J. TISSIER**

**Attest:**

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**Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors**