

PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 2014 AS

National Preparedness Month

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) first sponsored National Preparedness Month in 2004 as a nationwide effort to increase personal preparedness for emergencies and large-scale disasters in local communities and has continued the annual tradition which this year culminates in the national PrepareAthon on September 30, 2014; and

WHEREAS, communities and families across the nation are using National Preparedness Month and the PrepareAthon as an opportunity to reflect upon their preparedness in the event of emergencies including natural disasters, mass casualties, biological and chemical threats, radiation emergencies, and terrorist attacks; and

WHEREAS, individuals and families are encouraged to use the many resources available to them and sign up for instant updates on websites such as the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) website www.ready.gov, the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services (OES) website www.SMCready.org or by connecting with neighbors on the social network website www.nextdoor.com; and

WHEREAS, San Mateo County recognizes the Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services and the many public safety officials in cities throughout the county who have trained and placed themselves in harm's way to respond and protect our residents during natural and man-made disasters; and

WHEREAS, with the recent earthquake in the Northern San Francisco Bay Area which caused major damage, injuries and loss of life and with the serious drought throughout the State of California causing fire safety concerns, we are reminded of the necessity of remaining vigilant and prepared in the event of a disaster.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County hereby designates September 2014 as National Preparedness Month in San Mateo County and encourages all residents to remained informed and educated to share in the community-wide responsibility of being prepared.

Dated: SEPTEMBER 30, 2014

SUPERVISORS:

DAVE PINE, PRESIDENT

CAROLE GROOM

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ADRIENNE J. TISSIER

Attest: _____
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors