

# RESOLUTION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING

## WIC of San Mateo County

Upon the celebration of its  
**40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

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WHEREAS, the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Supplemental Nutrition Program was established by an act of the United States Congress in 1972 after the medical community raised concerns about the poor health of pregnant mothers and their children particularly in low income communities and a White House Conference on Food, Nutrition and Health issued a formal recommendation for the establishment of a food assistance program; and

WHEREAS, Women, Infants and Children (WIC) celebrates its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary having been established initially as a two year pilot program but by 1974 the program expanded to 45 states including the State of California and is currently administered locally by the San Mateo County WIC program housed in the San Mateo County Health System; and

WHEREAS, Women, Infants and Children (WIC) provides temporary assistance to families that include either an expecting mother, a newborn child or a child under the age of five who show symptoms of malnutrition and/or health concerns and meet the federal income guidelines; and

WHEREAS, Women, Infants and Children (WIC) provides families with nutritious food, "Healthy Habits" nutrition education, breastfeeding support and referrals to health and social services and has been proven to be one of the most successful and cost effective government programs having reduced early childhood obesity, substantially increased breastfeeding rates and lowered healthcare and Medical costs for women and children who participate; and

WHEREAS, Women, Infants and Children (WIC) provides services to sixty percent of babies born in the State of California and 22,000 women, infants and children in San Mateo County contributing greatly to the health and well-being of San Mateo County as a whole; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County congratulates and commends Women, Infants and Children of San Mateo County upon the celebration of its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The Board hereby expresses its gratitude and extends sincere wishes to Women, Infants and Children of San Mateo County for many more years of excellence.

Dated: August 14, 2014

SUPERVISORS:

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DAVE PINE, PRESIDENT

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ADRIENNE J. TISSIER

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors