

RESOLUTION

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

HARVEY S. KAPLAN, M.D. for 11 years of service as a **First 5 San Mateo County Commissioner**

WHEREAS, HARVEY S. KAPLAN, M.D., showed dedication to supporting children prenatally to age 5 and their families as a First 5 Commissioner and exhibited outstanding leadership as Commission Chair from 2007 to 2012; and

WHEREAS, HARVEY S. KAPLAN M.D., supported health access and healthy development through his input and support of the Early Brain Development Initiative, Smoke Free Start for Families Program, Children’s Health Initiative, Prenatal to Three Initiative and Kit for New Parents program; and

WHEREAS, HARVEY S. KAPLAN, M.D., supported the success for every child academically through his endorsement of the Early Childhood Mental Health Initiative, Kick Off to Kindergarten and Bridges to Success programs, Preschool for All Initiative, Smart Kids Initiative and School Readiness Initiative; and

WHEREAS, HARVEY S. KAPLAN, M.D., advocated for children with special needs and their families, supported strengthening of public policy and promotion of universal screenings through his support of the Watch Me Grow Project, Watch Me Grow Roundtable and work of the Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County; and

WHEREAS, HARVEY S. KAPLAN, M.D., increased positive family support for children who witnessed domestic violence through his endorsement of the Healthy Homes program which provides therapeutic services, and enhanced parenting skills for families that experienced domestic violence through promotion, prevention, early identification and treatment services; and

WHEREAS, HARVEY S. KAPLAN, M.D., promoted the importance of a parent’s knowledge of their child’s health through teaching pediatric residents to “not rely solely on medicine when treating a child, also listen to the parent as they know their child better than anyone;” and

WHEREAS, HARVEY S. KAPLAN, M.D., been a constant voice and advocate for the right for all children and youth to have a safe and healthy environment; healthy mind, body and spirit, enabling them to maximize their potential through the Bill of Rights for Children and Youth in San Mateo County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby commends HARVEY S. KAPLAN, M.D., for his support, advocacy, leadership and unparalleled dedication to identifying solutions for the unmet needs of our youngest children and families.

Dated: January 26, 2015

SUPERVISORS:

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Attest: _____
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors