## PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING APRIL 2015 AS

## National Volunteer Month

WHEREAS, the Points of Light Foundation first sponsored National Volunteer Month in 1974 as a nationwide effort to recognize and promote volunteer activity in the United States of America and around the world; and

WHEREAS, across the nation individuals are using National Volunteer Month as an opportunity to donate their time to be at the center of social change by providing compassionate assistance to some of society's most vulnerable populations while at the same time building community; and

WHEREAS, each year nearly 63 million adults in the United States volunteer through an organization totaling 7.7 billion hours of volunteer activity with an estimated value of \$173 billion dollars worth of service; and

WHEREAS, individuals, families and organizations are encouraged to use the many resources available to them to explore ongoing volunteer events in their neighborhood through schools, congregations, local government or by exploring websites such as the national www.serve.gov and www.pointsoflight.org; and

WHEREAS, San Mateo County is grateful for its thriving and vibrant corps of volunteers most notably the individuals who volunteer their time and expertise through the volunteer program at the Department of Parks and Recreations, the Sheriff's Volunteer Force, community based organizations on the peninsula, San Mateo County boards and commissions and the many other organizations which contribute to the overall health and well-being of the San Mateo County community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County hereby designates April 2015 as National Volunteer Month in San Mateo County and encourages all residents to consider donating their time to volunteering.

*Dated: APRIL 14, 2015* 

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