

PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DESIGNATING APRIL 19 THROUGH APRIL 25, 2015 AS

NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

WHEREAS, Americans are the victims of more than 26 million crimes each year,¹ and crime can touch the lives of anyone regardless of age, national origin, race, creed, religion, gender, sexual orientation, immigration, or economic status; and

WHEREAS, many victims face challenges in finding appropriate services, including victims with disabilities, young victims of color, Deaf and hard of hearing victims, LGBTQ victims, tribal victims, elder victims, victims with mental illness, immigrant victims, teen victims, victims with limited English proficiency, and others; and

WHEREAS, National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 19-25, 2015, is an opportune time to commit to ensuring that all victims of crime – even those who are challenging to reach or serve – are offered culturally and linguistically accessible and appropriate services in the aftermath of crime;; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo operates Victim Services which last year processed over 2,924 victim referrals from law enforcement, had contact with approximately 3,429 new victims of which nearly 663 were victims of Domestic Violence, 654 were victims of Assault/Battery, and 582 were victims of Sexual Assault (adults & children). Compensation Claims for payment of crime related expenses were filed for roughly 623 victims; and 663 victims were provided resource and referral assistance;; and

WHEREAS, Victim Services of the County of San Mateo is hereby dedicated to building partnerships with trusted sources of support, including community leaders, religious groups, schools, and other agencies to better reach and serve all victims of crime, no matter their community,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, honor and acknowledge the courage of those whose lives have been affected by crime, and hereby designates the week of April 19 – April 25, 2015 as NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK.

Dated: April 14, 2015

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