

Proclamation

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

Asthma Awareness Month

WHEREAS, 11.4% of San Mateo County children (ages 0-17) and 13.4% of San Mateo County adults have been diagnosed with asthma; and

WHEREAS, asthma is one of the leading causes of absenteeism among school children, and asthma attacks cause adults with asthma and family members to miss thousands of days of work each year; and

WHEREAS, disparities in asthma control are evident in differences in emergency department/urgent care clinic visits in California, with Latinos almost twice as likely as Caucasians to visit an emergency department or urgent care clinic for asthma in 2011-2012, and African Americans over four times as likely; and

WHEREAS, those living in North Fair Oaks, East Palo Alto and East San Mateo are at greater risk of emergency room visits and hospitalizations due to asthma; and

WHEREAS, community efforts by the San Mateo County Asthma Coalition, Tobacco Education Coalition, Family Health Services' Asthma Management Program and the Environmental Health Services' Housing Program have focused efforts on the importance of healthy housing and asthma-friendly child care-based and school-based programs; and

WHEREAS, the establishment and enforcement of regulations to limit smoking and to require healthy conditions in rental housing, and the development of programs to improve access to medical care positively impact the health of people with asthma; and

WHEREAS, activities sponsored by the Asthma Coalition will increase the knowledge of asthma and its prevention and management among childcare, healthcare and housing professionals and community members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates the month of May 2015 as Asthma Awareness Month in San Mateo County and the Board commends those who are working to decrease the burden of asthma among the residents of the county and encourages others to join in this effort.

Dated: May 19, 2015

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Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors