

PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DESIGNATING May 17 - 23, 2015 AS

National Prevention Awareness Week

WHEREAS, each year the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, an agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, sponsors National Prevention Awareness Week to highlight and educate the public about substance abuse and mental health issues by involving communities in raising awareness and implementing strategies for prevention, fostering public and private partnerships and promoting health education resources and programming; and

WHEREAS, research has supported that early exposure to alcohol and other substance use is linked to long term mental health and behavioral issues, criminal justice involvement, and vicious cycles of addiction and trauma; and

WHEREAS, locally the San Mateo County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, a division of the Department of Public Health, has led the effort to provide culturally competent, integrated prevention services through its six community based prevention partnerships in locations throughout San Mateo County which place a particular emphasis on youth and prevention; and

WHEREAS, San Mateo County recognizes that the prevention of alcohol, illegal drug and prescription drug use in San Mateo County, particularly among youth, is a priority as the binge drinking rate among young adults aged 18 to 24 remains 30 percent higher than the state average and the California Healthy Kids Survey reports that 34 percent of 7th graders, 58 percent of 9th graders and 72 percent of 11th graders expressed that alcohol is easy to obtain in San Mateo County; and

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors has recently partnered with the Office of Education, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services and the Sheriff's Department to address behavioral health issues among school age children, resulting in standardized protocols among schools and public safety agencies as well as expanded community education programming offered through Behavioral Health and Recovery Services including the Mental Health First Aid, Youth Mental Health First Aid, Parenting Project and Health Ambassador Program; and

WHEREAS, efforts by Behavioral Health and Recovery Services and its community based prevention partnerships have led to the overall health and well-being of County residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates May 17 - 23, 2015, as National Prevention Awareness Week and hereby encourages the people of San Mateo County to observe this week with appropriate programs and activities

Dated: May 19, 2015

SUPERVISORS:

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