

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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**RESOLUTION IMPLEMENTING AB 1421 (LAURA’S LAW) ASSISTED OUTPATIENT  
TREATMENT PROGRAM IN SAN MATEO COUNTY**

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**RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

**WHEREAS**, San Mateo County is committed to serving persons living with mental illness with dignity, respect, and effective programs that improve their lives; and

**WHEREAS**, to that end, San Mateo County has implemented many programs to serve mentally ill people, including Lanterman-Petris-Short Act conservatorships that continue even when the conservatee resides in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, San Mateo County extensively uses Assisted Outpatient Treatment, which San Mateo County refers to as Full Service Partnerships, with good results for the participants and the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of California has enacted the *Assisted Outpatient Treatment Demonstration Project Act of 2002*, commonly known as “Laura’s Law” (Assembly Bill (AB) 1421, Chapter 1017, Stats. 2002); and

**WHEREAS**, Laura’s Law is operative only in those counties in which the Board of Supervisors authorizes its application; and

**WHEREAS**, a county adopting Laura’s Law must find that no voluntary mental health program serving adults, and no children’s mental health program are being

reduced as a result of implementing an Assisted Outpatient Treatment program under Laura's Law; and

**WHEREAS**, San Mateo County seeks to determine whether Laura's Law will have a significant positive effect in San Mateo County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief of the San Mateo County Health System has advised this Board that, in order to implement Laura's Law, the County requires time to put needed staff, infrastructure, and processes in place and this Board desires to condition implementation of Laura's Law on confirmation by the Chief of the Health System to this Board that such staff, infrastructure, and processes are in place;

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The Assisted Outpatient Treatment Demonstration Project Act of 2002, known as Laura's Law, shall be operative in San Mateo County upon receipt by this Board of written confirmation from the Chief of the San Mateo County Health System that the staff, infrastructure, and processes are in place to implement Laura's Law.
2. This Board finds that no voluntary mental health program serving adults and no children's mental health program are being reduced as a result of the expansion of Assisted Outpatient Treatment in San Mateo County.

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