## PROCLAMATION

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THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA DESIGNATING OCTOBER 16, 2015 AS

## Youth for Youth Day

WHEREAS, youth represent more than 20% of the population of San Mateo County; and

**WHEREAS**, San Mateo County has a long history of youth advocacy, being the first county in California to create a Youth Commission in 1993 to express the youth voice and advocate for youth issues; and

WHEREAS, the Youth Commission worked with the Peninsula Partnership Leadership Council in 2008 to encourage the County, cities and school districts to adopt a Bill of Rights for Children and Youth in San Mateo County, reflecting countywide commitment to the youth; and

**WHEREAS**, the Peninsula Partnership Leadership Council sowed the seeds for The Big Lift, an initiative launched in 2013 seeking to improve the outcomes for youth through strong early education and interventions along the Pre-K through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade continuum; and

**WHEREAS**, the role of youth advocacy is again key to the success of The Big Lift and continues to be central in improving the lives of children and youth for the future;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates October 16, 2015 as "**Youth for Youth Day**" in San Mateo County and recognizes the ongoing importance of young people advocating for the needs and issues of youth in San Mateo County.

CAROLE GROOM, President

DAVE PINE

DON HORSLEY

WARREN SLOCUM

Attest:

Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

**Dated: October 16, 2015**