

RESOLUTION NO. .

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

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RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE FY 2015 DNA BACKLOG REDUCTION PROGRAM GRANT, FOR THE TERM OF JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2017, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$166,034.

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

WHEREAS, the DNA Backlog Reduction Program, offered through the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice (NIJ), assists eligible units of local government to reduce forensic DNA sample turnaround time, increase the output of public DNA laboratories, and reduce DNA forensic casework backlogs; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office applied for and was awarded the FY 2015 DNA Backlog Reduction Program grant in the amount of \$166,034, for the term of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, funding will be applied towards: 1) contracting with one Criminalist to screen biology cases and evidence for DNA; 2) purchasing laptops to assist with all facets of DNA casework; 3) purchasing supplies for use in evidence examination; and 4) funding travel and training expenses for two Criminalists to attend the 2016 Promega International Symposium on Human Identification; and

WHEREAS, these expenditures will assist in reducing forensic DNA sample

turnaround time and casework backlogs which will improve the efficiency and DNA evidence processing ability of Laboratory personnel, thus aiding all aspects of the criminal justice system in the County.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County of San Mateo, hereby accepts the FY 2015 DNA Backlog Reduction Program grant award in the amount of \$166,034 for the Sheriff's Office Forensic Laboratory.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sheriff or Sheriff's designee is hereby authorized and directed to execute all necessary documents in connection with this grant including but not limited to contracts, agreements, amendments, and grant assurances.

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