

PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING APRIL 22 - 28, 2012 AS

Crime Victims' Rights Week

WHEREAS, 18.7 million Americans are directly harmed by crime each year, and every crime impacts others including family members, friends and communities; and

WHEREAS, the physical, emotional, and financial impact of crime affects people of all ages, without regard to gender, economic, racial or social background; and

WHEREAS, in 1982, the President's Task Force on Victims of Crime envisioned a national commitment to a more equitable and supportive response to victims. Our nation heeded this call to action and promoted initiatives for victims' rights, compassionate victim services and compensation for crime related expenses; and

WHEREAS, by working together, we can assist victims of crime by ensuring that their voices are heard, they receive the support they need, and they are not forgotten; and

WHEREAS, San Mateo County operates a Victim Center Program that last year processed over 3,100 victim referrals from law enforcement, had contact with approximately 3,400 new victims of which nearly 800 were victims of Domestic Violence, almost 400 were victims of Sexual Assault (adults & children), and over 700 were victims of Assault/Battery. Compensation Claims for payment of crime related expenses were filed for roughly 750 victims; and 500 victims were provided resource and referral assistance; and

WHEREAS, San Mateo County is joining forces with victim service programs and criminal justice agencies throughout the nation to raise awareness of victims' rights and observe National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County, honor and acknowledge the courage of those whose lives have been affected by crime, and hereby designate the week of April 22 - 28, 2012 as CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK in San Mateo County.

Dated: APRIL 24, 2012

SUPERVISORS:

ADRIENNE TISSIER, PRESIDENT

DAVID PINE

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Attest: _____
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors