## Proclamation

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 2014 AS

## **RECOVERY HAPPENS MONTH**

WHEREAS, the month of September 2014 is National Recovery Month; and

**WHEREAS**, recovery Month spreads the positive message that behavioral health is essential to overall health; and

**WHEREAS**, prevention works, treatment is effective, and recovery is possible, and the treatment and prevention providers of San Mateo County and staff from Behavioral Health and Recovery Services have dedicated themselves to promoting recovery, saving lives and educating the public about drug use, stigma, addiction, and mental health disorders; and

**WHEREAS**, every day in San Mateo County, men, women and youth enter treatment for substance use and mental health disorders and begin the road to wellness and recovery in a system which emphasizes behavioral health as an essential part of overall health; and

**WHEREAS**, San Mateo County continues to support Recovery Month's mission to improve the lives of those living with these disorders, to celebrate individuals in recovery and to acknowledge those working to provide integrated recovery services; and

WHEREAS, PEOPLE CAN AND DO RECOVER! And it is important to remember that while the road to recovery may be difficult, the benefits of preventing and overcoming mental and/or substance use disorders are significant and valuable to individuals, families and communities, and that there are multiple pathways to recovery and everyone's journey results in their own unique experience of recovery.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo designates the month of September 2014 as Recovery Month.

Dated: September 9, 2014

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