

PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DESIGNATING APRIL 10-16, 2016 as

National Crime Victims’ Rights Week

WHEREAS, Americans are the victims of more than 20 million crimes each year, and crime can touch the lives of anyone regardless of age, national origin, race, creed, religion, gender, sexual orientation, immigration, or economic status;

WHEREAS , many victims face challenges in finding appropriate services, including victims with disabilities, young victims of color, Deaf and hard of hearing victims, LGBTQ victims, tribal victims, elder victims, victims with mental illness, immigrant victims, teen victims, victims with limited English proficiency, and others; and

WHEREAS , victims of repeat victimization who fail to receive supportive services are at greater risk for long-term consequences of crime and intervening early with services that support and empower victims provides a pathway to recovery from crime and abuse; and

WHEREAS , honoring the rights of victims, including the right to be heard and to be treated with fairness, dignity, and respect, and working to meet their needs rebuilds their trust in the criminal justice and social service systems;

WHEREAS , National Crime Victims’ Rights Week, April 10-16, 2015, is an opportune time to commit to ensuring that all victims of crime—even those who are challenging to reach or serve—are offered culturally and linguistically accessible and appropriate services in the aftermath of crime;

WHEREAS, San Mateo County, dedicated to serving victims and building trust, operates Victim Services which provided assistance to approximately 3,767 new victims of which nearly 991 were victims of Domestic Violence, 778 were victims of Assault/Battery, and 433 were victims of Sexual Assault (adults & children). Compensation Claims for payment of crime related expenses were filed for 397 victims; and 261 victims were provided resource and referral assistance; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, honor and acknowledge the courage of those whose lives have been affected by crime, and hereby designate the week of April 10 – April 16, 2016 as **NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS’ RIGHTS WEEK** in the County of San Mateo.

Dated: April 12, 2016

SUPERVISORS:

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Attest:

Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors