

RESOLUTION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING

James Coffman

WHEREAS, James Coffman has for decades of police service, helped make our community safer, wiser and above all more empathetic to individuals with a mental illness and their families; and

WHEREAS, James Coffman was involved with the launch of The Psychiatric Emergency Response Team - broadening the scope of the way we now interact with a person in crisis, and declaring that “The first P in PERT should be patience”; and

WHEREAS, James Coffman has served in the San Mateo County Sheriff’s Department for many years, and one of his most important roles was to work with NAMI SMC (National Alliance on Mental Illness) to bring about a better understanding of the care needed and services available for individuals living with a severe mental health diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, James Coffman has been crucial to educating the change in police mentality and attitude towards those living with mental illness and we thank him for understanding that the biggest obstacle between those with mental illness and the rest of the community is stigma; and

WHEREAS, James Coffman has remained a committed champion in the vital role he has played as Detective Jim Coffman, Psychiatric Emergency Response Team, and in his support of NAMI San Mateo County.

NOW, therefore be it resolved that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County hereby honors **James Coffman** for being a part of the solution and for changing the way the world sees mental health. We commend your compassion for making a difference in San Mateo County.

Dated: February 13, 2017

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