

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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

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**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE FY 2012 DNA BACKLOG REDUCTION
PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE TERM OF OCTOBER 1, 2012 TO MARCH 31, 2014
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$196,512**

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 2012 DNA Backlog Reduction Program grant in the amount of \$196,512, for the term of October 1, 2012 through March 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, funding will be applied towards: 1) three extra-help Criminalist positions in the Forensic Biology Section; 2) travel and registration costs for two Criminalist to attend a symposium in Washington D.C. and the American Academy of Forensic Science Conference in Atlanta, Georgia; 3) the purchase of a QIAgility System (DNA extraction equipment) and associated software; 4) the purchase of two Nikon DSLR cameras to reduce the bottleneck for high-quality cameras; and 5) the purchase

of supplies such as DNA Kits; 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 aspect 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 2012 DNA Backlog Reduction Program grant award in the amount of \$196,512 for the Sheriff's Office Forensic Laboratory and 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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