

# PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DESIGNATING OCTOBER 2012 AS

## RESPECT! 24/7 MONTH

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*WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo believes all children and youth are entitled to safe, healthy, caring, and supportive learning environments that promote academic achievement, school and community connectedness, and meaningful participation for all young people; and*

*WHEREAS, providing a sustainable, positive school climate fosters youth development and learning necessary for a productive, contributive, and satisfying life in a democratic society; and*

*WHEREAS, bullying, discrimination and harassment can disrupt the learning environment and contribute to lower student achievement, increased absenteeism, and diminished teacher morale; and*

*WHEREAS, the most effective approach to creating safe school environments requires a comprehensive, coordinated effort of school, district, and community strategies where all institutions, organizations and individuals accept responsibility to prioritize and establish a positive environment for youth of all ages; and*

*WHEREAS, RESPECT! 24/7 is a two-year countywide anti-bullying and civility initiative that engages students, teachers, administrators, parents, and community stakeholders and leaders to support policies and programs that foster positive school and community environments, free from bullying, harassment, discrimination, and violence;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates October 2012 as RESPECT! 24/7 MONTH and encourages communities across the county to promote the importance of safe, positive, and healthy schools and communities, free of bullying, harassment, discrimination and violence.*

*Dated: October 2, 2012*

SUPERVISORS:

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*ADRIENNE J. TISSIER, President*

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*DAVE PINE*

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Attest:

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Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors