

PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING APRIL 21 THROUGH APRIL 27, 2013

NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS’ RIGHTS WEEK

WHEREAS, 18.7 million Americans are harmed by crime each year, and each crime affects family members, friends, neighbors and co-workers, and can leave a lasting physical, emotional, or financial impact on people of all ages, abilities, economic, racial, and social backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, in 1982, the President’s Task Force on Victims of Crime envisioned a national commitment to a more equitable and supportive response to victims and the nation heeded this call to action, promoted victims’ rights initiatives, effective and compassionate victim services, and just compensation and financial support; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice’s Vision 21 Initiative calls for a renewed commitment to serve all victims of crime, embracing new solutions involving new partnerships with underserved communities and a greater emphasis on meeting victims’ needs; and

WHEREAS, San Mateo County operates Victim Services which last year processed over 3,133 victim referrals from law enforcement, had contact with approximately 3,646 new victims, of which 912 were victims of Domestic Violence, 429 were victims of Sexual Assault, and 750 were victims of Assault/ Battery, and compensation claims for payment of crime related expenses were fielded for 807 victims, and 547 victims were provided resource and referral assistance; and

WHEREAS, Victim Services of the County of San Mateo join victim service programs, criminal justice agencies, and concerned citizens through the County, California, and the U.S. to raise awareness of victims’ rights and observe NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS’ RIGHTS WEEK.

THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County hereby designates April 22 through April 27, 2013 NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS’ RIGHTS WEEK to honor and acknowledge the courage of these whose lives have been affected by crime.

Dated: APRIL 23, 2013

SUPERVISORS:

DON HORSLEY, PRESIDENT

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Attest: Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors