

## THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF MAY 3<sup>RD</sup> THROUGH MAY 10<sup>TH,</sup> 2014 AS

## AFFORDABLE HOUSING WEEK

**WHEREAS,** counties across the Bay Area are proclaiming the second week in May as Affordable Housing Week to place emphasis on the growing need for support of the housing sector in their task to fill gaps in availability and affordability of housing in individual counties; and

WHEREAS, decent and affordable housing promotes self-sufficiency and family stability, revitalizes neighborhoods and communities, supports economic growth, and most importantly, creates a positive environment and improves life outcomes for children; and

**WHEREAS,** the most significant housing challenge is affordability – the County of San Mateo is regularly cited as one of the most expensive and least affordable counties in the nation; and

WHEREAS, our County is faced with the ever growing problem of bridging the gap between demand and supply for housing that is affordable, and has an inadequate supply of affordable housing caused by rising housing construction cost in relation to family incomes, insufficient financing and public subsidies, and restrictive zoning laws; and

**WHEREAS,** solutions to increased production of affordable housing depend heavily on the collaborative efforts of the public sector, nonprofit organizations, forprofit businesses, private sector and the valuable role of our citizenry.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED,** that the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates the week of May 3 through May 10, 2014 as AFFORDABLE HOUSING WEEK, and calls all County of San Mateo residents to support efforts toward the goal of every family having a suitable living environment.

Dated: May 6, 2014

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