

Proclamation

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING MAY 9, 2015 AS

National Animal Disaster Preparedness Day

WHEREAS, National Animal Disaster Preparedness Day is recognized each year by Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) to bring awareness of the need to include animals in the planning and preparation for a disaster; and

WHEREAS, millions of Americans have animals in their households which is why it is important that they incorporate their animals in disaster contingency plans; and

WHEREAS, households with animals are encouraged to have a plan to transport animals in the event of an emergency, build a kit that includes photos of the pet, maintain medical records and vaccination records, stay informed by keeping abreast of weather conditions, know neighbors in case you are not home during an emergency and vaccinate and microchip animals in case they are lost or are required to be sheltered; and

WHEREAS, in San Mateo County, the Peninsula Humane Society has partnered with the American Red Cross and the Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services to help local pet owners displaced during disasters as well as provide ongoing disaster preparedness training for a group of dedicated volunteers that maintain four disaster preparedness supply trailers providing for field shelters in the event of a large scale disaster; and

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Peninsula Humane Society responded recently during both the 2010 San Bruno Gas Pipeline Explosion and the 2014 flooding during a rainstorm to provide temporary housing for pets belonging to displaced local residents; and

WHEREAS, San Mateo County is committed to ensuring its residents and their pets are ready in the event of an emergency and encourages residents to inform themselves by utilizing the national www.ready.gov/caring-animals or local www.peninsulahumanesociety.org.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County designates May 9, 2015, as National Animal Disaster Preparedness Day and hereby encourages the people of San Mateo County to observe this day with appropriate programs and activities.

Dated: May 9, 2015

SUPERVISORS:

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Attest:

Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors