

PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING MAY 2016 AS

Older Americans Month

WHEREAS, in 1963, following a meeting with the National Council of Senior Citizens to discuss the plight and poverty of seniors in the United States particularly among veterans, President John F. Kennedy began the tradition of designating May as Senior Citizens Month - the precursor to the modern day Older Americans Month; and

WHEREAS, the Administration for Community Living, an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, has selected the 2016 Older Americans Month theme of “Blaze a Trail” to recognize the 51st Anniversary of the Older Americans Act (OAA), an Act of the Congress that ushered in the first comprehensive federal effort to provide funding for senior programs related to nutrition, in home and community based services, legal protection, health promotion and research; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Older Americans Month is to highlight the unique contributions of seniors to our local San Mateo County community, state and nation while acknowledging the responsibility of policymakers to care for this population; and

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Commission on Aging provides recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on policy matters including health and nutrition, affordable and accessible housing, employment opportunities, legislation, elder abuse, transportation, and new resources and each May during Older Americans Month provides an annual report to the Board of Supervisors for its consideration; and

WHEREAS, Older Americans, a rapidly growing segment of the San Mateo County population, are held in the highest esteem for their wisdom and guidance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County designates May 2016 as Older Americans Month, and joins the U.S. Administration for Community Living in encouraging all San Mateo County residents to observe this month by showing appreciation and respect to all older Americans.

Dated: May 10, 2016

SUPERVISORS:

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Attest: _____
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors