PROCLAMATION

***THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF
CALIFORNIA DESIGNATING October 25-31, 2015 AS***

National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week

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WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo supports a healthy and safe environment for children and is dedicated to protecting the health of all children; and

WHEREAS, even at low amounts, lead is a potent poison that can cause serious long term harm including shortened attention span, hyperactivity, aggressive behavior, learning disabilities, and other developmental problems for children; and

WHEREAS, lead contaminated paint, dust, and soil are commonly found in and around homes constructed before 1978 and are the most hazardous sources of lead exposure in children; and

WHEREAS, over 80% of homes in San Mateo County were constructed before 1978, and lead safe work in renovating or repairing these buildings can reduce the risk of lead exposure; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme, "Lead Free Kids for a Healthy Future," underscores the importance of testing your home, testing your child, and learning how to prevent lead poisoning's serious health effects; and

WHEREAS, the Health System, along with the California Department of Public Health, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, is participating in National Lead Poisoning Prevention,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates the week of October 25-31, 2015 as National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week in San Mateo County and urges all residents to learn more about childhood lead poisoning, how to identify and eliminate local lead hazards, and ensure that all children under age sic who are at risk for lead poisoning receive a blood lead test.

Dated: October 20, 2015

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