

PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING OCTOBER 2013 AS

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

WHEREAS, the month of October is recognized nationally as Breast Cancer Awareness Month and so it is fitting that San Mateo County acknowledges those who are battling the disease while commending the organizations that provide for prevention, detection and treatment of breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, breast cancer has touched countless individuals and families with tragedy in the United States including an estimated 39,510 women and 410 men who lost their lives from the disease in the United States last year; and

WHEREAS, a new case of breast cancer is diagnosed among women one every two minutes and this year more than 230,000 additional women and 2,000 men will be diagnosed with the disease; and

WHEREAS, recent studies have demonstrated that many women in the United States are not following recommended preventative measures including mammography screenings by delaying first screenings, not getting one at the recommended intervals or not receiving timely follow-up of a positive screening; and

WHEREAS, with more than 2.9 million breast cancer survivors alive in the United States today, the largest group of survivors that have beat cancer, it is clear that access to quality prevention and treatment are important to fighting this disease; and

WHEREAS, through a partnership between the San Mateo County Health Foundation and the San Mateo County Medical Center, this county has recognized the importance of prevention and early detection having taken steps to provide access to the best-possible breast cancer information and diagnostic tools by purchasing state of the art digital mammography equipment and by performing outreach to underserved communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County designates October 2013 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in San Mateo County.

Dated: OCTOBER 22, 2013

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Attest:

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