

PROCLAMATION

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

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

WHEREAS, domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to women between 15 and 44 years of age, and almost one-third of women experience physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, experts estimate that, in the United States, the direct costs for medical and mental health care related to domestic violence are \$4.1 billion annually, and domestic violence is estimated to cost employers up to \$13 billion each year; and

WHEREAS, over 9,000 residents of San Mateo County received assistance through CORA's 24-hour hotline or law enforcement referrals; and

WHEREAS, in San Mateo County, 305 adults were provided emergency shelter and transitional housing to escape their abusers; and

WHEREAS, over 500 adults and their children received therapy to help them with domestic violence related trauma; and

WHEREAS, San Mateo County is committed to eliminating all forms of family violence and abuse.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby proclaims the month of October 2013 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, to raise awareness and to encourage all citizens of San Mateo County to rid our community of domestic violence.

Dated: October 8, 2013

SUPERVISORS:

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