

PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA DESIGNATING FEBRUARY 2017 AS

GRAND JURY AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, the Civil Grand Jury is made up of 19 citizens who serve the County of San Mateo for a one-year term after selection; and

WHEREAS, the individual Grand Jurors are selected from volunteer applicants that have been screened and qualified by the judges of the Superior Court, with final selection of the 19 obtained by random drawing; and

WHEREAS, the jurisdiction of the Grand Jury extends to all activities of local government within the geographic limits of San Mateo County; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Jury is granted subpoena powers that extends to records, persons and entities, and parallel powers to undertake independent investigations and issue Public Reports detailing the results of these investigations; and to function as a completely independent, autonomous body; and

WHEREAS, the primary function of the Grand Jury is to provide independent oversight into the efficiency, effectiveness, honesty and impartiality of government by the citizens of San Mateo County; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Jury in a large measure relies upon public awareness and responsiveness of the public to its public reports which detail its findings and recommendations; and

WHEREAS, it is believed that public awareness and responsiveness of the Grand Jury’s function and purpose can be furthered by governmental declarations of awareness.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the County of San Mateo does hereby proclaim February 2017 to be Grand Jury Awareness Month in order for all citizens to become better acquainted with the purposes of the Grand Jury, to give attention to the Grand Jury’s public reports and to encourage public participation in the Grand Jury process.

Dated: February 28, 2017

SUPERVISORS:

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Attest: Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors