

PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING MAY 2018 AS

Foster Care  
Awareness Month

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**WHEREAS**, Foster Care Awareness month is celebrated nationally to raise awareness about foster care and to encourage more community involvement as resource families, volunteers, mentors or employers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Human Services Agency’s Children and Family Services branch oversees the county’s foster youth services with the goal of ensuring safety, permanency and well-being of children throughout San Mateo County.

**WHEREAS**, there are numerous individuals, nonprofit organizations and public servants who are dedicated to raising awareness about the needs of children and youth in foster care; and

**WHEREAS**, those who have wholeheartedly committed to the welfare and guardianship of children in foster care despite all of its legal, economic and social challenges continue to fight to protect the rights of children and improve their life outcomes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Human Services Agency in partnership with the San Mateo Chapter of the California Youth Connection established a Foster Youth Advisory Board of current and former foster youth to advise the County on foster youth issues; and

**WHEREAS**, the County recognizes the importance of including the perspectives of foster youth in decision-making processes; and

**WHEREAS**, on Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, the Foster Youth Pop-up Art Museum will be open to the public to raise awareness about foster care and the foster youth experience.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, does hereby designate May 2018 as **FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH**.

Dated: May 22, 2018

SUPERVISORS

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DAVE PINE, PRESIDENT

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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors