

Proclamation

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF

September 2018

Suicide Prevention Month

WHEREAS, suicide is a public health issue that affects all San Mateo County residents, and everyone has a role to play in preventing suicide; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, 55 individuals died by suicide in San Mateo County, according to the San Mateo County Coroner's Office. Each death by suicide impacts family members, friends, loved ones, and by extension the entire community; and

WHEREAS, suicide affects all cultural groups by age, race/ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion/spirituality, disability, economic status, military/veteran status, relationship status, residential geography and more, and every culture has different suicide risks and protective factors to consider in suicide prevention efforts; and

WHEREAS, led by the San Mateo County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, the Suicide Prevention Committee consists of County staff, community-based organizations and community members who provide oversight and direction to suicide prevention efforts in the County. The Committee continues to implement the strategies in the 2017-2020 Suicide Prevention Roadmap and host community events during September Suicide Prevention Month; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, there were over 10,000 calls from San Mateo County reaching out to the StarVista 24/7 Crisis Hotline (650-579-0350 or 1-800-273-TALK) for assistance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates the month of September 2018 as Suicide Prevention Month and calls upon the residents, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools in San Mateo County to work together to prevent suicides in our community.

Dated: September 4, 2018

SUPERVISORS:

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Attest: _____
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

