

PROCLAMATION

**THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF APRIL 7 – 13, 2019 AS
NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK**

PROCLAIMED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

WHEREAS, in the United States more than 20 million people are victims of crimes each year, and crime can impact the lives of anyone regardless of age, national origin, race, creed, religion, gender, sexual orientation, immigration, or economic status; and

WHEREAS, with the unwavering support of their communities and victim service providers behind them, victims will be empowered to face their grief, loss, fear, and anger without fear of judgment, and will feel understood, heard, and respected; and

WHEREAS, serving victims and rebuilding their trust restores hope to victims and survivors, as well as supports thriving communities because unaddressed trauma from victimization weakens the resilience of victims and their communities, impeding their ability to withstand future trauma while a trauma-informed response to victims promotes healing and fosters strength in survivors; and

WHEREAS, providing victims with knowledge of their rights and available services further strengthens their ability to recover by restoring a sense of self-empowerment and a multidisciplinary response, involving collaboration among victim service professionals, criminal justice officials, legal professions, medical and mental health providers, and community leaders is essential to reaching and serving all victims – especially those who are marginalized, have disabilities, or live in remote locations; and

WHEREAS, the Victim Services Division of the San Mateo County District Attorney's Office, having provided assistance to approximately 7,304 new victims of crime in 2018, is dedicated to strengthening victims and survivors in the aftermath of crime, building resilience in our communities and working for a better future for all victims and survivors,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County designates **April 7 – 13, 2019 as NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK** in the County of San Mateo and encourages everyone to recommit efforts to ensuring that all victims of crime receive all appropriate services in the aftermath of crime.

Dated: April 9, 2019

SUPERVISORS:

CAROLE GROOM, PRESIDENT

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Attest: Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors