

PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2017 AS

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, over 50 deaths by suicide were recorded in San Mateo County in 2015, and each 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 each culture has different suicide risks and protective factors to consider in suicide prevention efforts; and

WHEREAS, San Mateo County conducts suicide prevention trainings with police and civilians, and all 23 San Mateo County School Districts have adopted a Suicide Prevention Toolkit for Schools and over 50 schools have posted suicide prevention posters; and

WHEREAS, in 2016 there were over 13,000 calls from San Mateo County residents 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 2017 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 12, 2017

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Attest: _____
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