

PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DESIGNATING APRIL 8-14, 2018 as

National Crime Victims' Rights Week

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

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

WHEREAS, 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, a multidisciplinary response, involving collaboration among victim service professionals, criminal justice officials, legal professionals, medical and mental health providers, and community leaders is essential to reach and serve all victims – especially those who are marginalized, have disabilities, or live in remote locations; and

WHEREAS, National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 8-14, 2018, is an opportune time to commit to ensuring that all victims of crime – even those who are challenging to reach or serve – are offered culturally and linguistically accessible and appropriate services in the aftermath of crime; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo operates Victim Services which provided assistance to approximately 6,110 new victims of which nearly 1,724 were victims of Domestic Violence, 1,183 were victims of Assault/Battery, and 1,185 were victims of Sexual Assault (adults & children). Compensation Claims for payment of crime related expenses were filed for 655 victims; and 5,747 victims were provided information, resource and referral assistance; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, honor and acknowledge the courage of those whose lives have been affected by crime, and hereby designate the week of April 8 – April 14, 2018 as **NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK** in the County of San Mateo.

Dated: April 10, 2018

SUPERVISORS:

DAVE PINE, PRESIDENT

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Attest:

Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors