

PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING MARCH 10-16, 2019 AS

GLAUCOMA AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS, glaucoma is a group of diseases that damage the eye's optic nerve and can result in vision loss and blindness without warning. However, with early detection and treatment, you can often protect your eyes against serious vision loss; and

WHEREAS, more than 3 million people in the United States have glaucoma which is the leading cause of irreversible blindness; and

WHEREAS, experts estimate that half of them don't know they have it; and

WHEREAS, The National Eye Institute projects this number will reach 4.2 million by 2030, a 58 percent increase; and

WHEREAS, glaucoma is the second leading cause of blindness in the world, according to the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, glaucoma is not curable, and vision lost cannot be regained. However, through early diagnosis and treatment, the disease can be controlled before vision loss or blindness occurs; and

WHEREAS, having a dilated eye exam is especially recommended everyone to two years for people who are at higher risk for glaucoma, including African Americans age 40 and older, everyone over age 60 (especially Mexican Americans), and people with a family history of glaucoma; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates March 10-16, 2019 as **Glaucoma Awareness Week** and encourages everyone to get regular eye examinations which may help to prevent unnecessary vision loss.

Dated: March 12, 2019

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