

# PROCLAMATION

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

## September 2019 Suicide Prevention Month

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**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**, the San Mateo County Suicide Prevention Committee, San Mateo County Libraries, Peninsula Library System and community agencies are partnering to promote 2019 September Suicide Prevention Month, focusing on the theme of interpersonal connectedness and encouraging positive relationships that say #ImHereForYou; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2018, there were over 11,700 San Mateo County calls reaching out to the local StarVista 24/7 Crisis Hotline (650-579-0350) or National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (1-800-273-TALK) for assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2018, 71 individuals died by suicide in San Mateo County, according to the San Mateo County Coroner's Office, including 4 individuals 11-20 years old, 41 individuals 21-60 years old and 26 individuals 61-90 years old, each impacting 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. Every culture has different suicide risk 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, and continues to implement the strategies in the 2017-2020 Suicide Prevention Roadmap, as well as hosts community events during September Suicide Prevention Month.

**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 2019 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 17, 2019

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Attest:

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Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors