

Resolution

*THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING*

National Alliance on Mental Illness San Mateo County

on its

45th Anniversary

WHEREAS, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, San Mateo County (NAMI-SMC) is a non-profit, mostly volunteer, grass-roots organization of families, individuals, and professionals dedicated to improving the quality of life of individuals living with serious mental illness; and

WHEREAS, 2019 marks the 45th year anniversary of the founding of the charter affiliate of NAMI-SMC which, at its origin, was the first of its kind, and is credited with having been the catalyst for the now nation-wide organization known as NAMI; and

WHEREAS, the NAMI mission is to improve quality of life for individuals living with mental illness and their families by providing support, education, and advocacy throughout the community and at all levels of government; and, to this end, NAMI-SMC engaged in 4,547 service contacts in 2018; and

WHEREAS, NAMI SMC provides ongoing education classes for families, teachers, health and service providers, employers, and crisis intervention training (CIT) for local law enforcement personnel consistent with NAMI's mission, as well as education and training to individuals living with mental illness; and

WHEREAS, NAMI SMC is committed to advocacy on mental health policy issues regarding access to quality treatment and services, housing, education, employment and medical research, and mental health understanding outreach to the broader community, and endeavors to break down the harmful and counterproductive effects of stigma and misunderstandings about mental illness that unfortunately persist within communities by means of focused educational opportunities, as well as broader public awareness-raising events, like the annual NAMIWalks event.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby congratulates NAMI-SMC on its Forty-fifth Anniversary and extends its best wishes for NAMI-SMC's continued success in supporting those living with mental illness and their families.

Dated: December 10, 2019

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