

RESOLUTION

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

OUR GRADUATING CLASSES OF 2020

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WHEREAS, in the year 2020, the coronavirus caused a worldwide pandemic of infection which disrupted the lives of people throughout the world. The lives of every person in the United States have been affected by the disease and thousands have died. Through actions taken to mitigate the impact of the spread of the disease, the schools of San Mateo County were closed on March 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS, by the closure of the schools, the students within the San Mateo County School district were sent to complete their academic year by remotely schooling from home; as they strove to complete their studies, the students were able to be safe and secure, but lost the opportunity to celebrate important milestones in their lives and participate in the full experience school offers, including the in-person presence of their teachers, sports, music and companionship of their friends; and

WHEREAS, students have spent numerous hours studying and applying what they have learned throughout the years, while also maintaining responsibilities and extracurriculars outside of school; and

WHEREAS, Graduation is a major milestone and a rite of passage in a young person's life; wearing a cap and gown, walking for the ceremony and moving on to the next stage, for the Class of 2020 everything is different; and

WHEREAS, Commencement is a day of new beginnings. Your perseverance and sacrifice have led you to this memorable day and your degree is a building block upon which your future can flourish; and

WHEREAS, the Class of 2020 had to finish its education with virtual classes and living a virtual life; it is easy to dwell on the negative aspects of the current situation; but there are a lot of positives; you all are getting a small taste of how much you stand to lose when freedom is restricted and your health is threatened; but life has a strange way of challenging all of us; and

WHEREAS, this is a time to be grateful for the future; share the blessings in your life with others and make conscious effort to make life better for others. There is a lot of good.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby honor the Graduating Classes of 2020 who have persevered in the Year of the Pandemic and wish you all a bright future.

Dated: May 19, 2020

SUPERVISORS:

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Attest: _____
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors