

PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING OCTOBER 2020 as

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

WHEREAS, intimate partner violence is the leading cause of injury to women between 15 and 44 years of age, and one in three women and one in seven men experience some form of physical violence by their intimate partner in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, experts estimate that, in the United States, the costs of intimate partner rape, physical assault, and stalking exceed \$5.8 billion each year, nearly \$4.1 billion of which is for direct medical and mental health care services. This includes almost \$1 billion per year in productivity losses; and

WHEREAS, there were 6,613 requests for service through Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse (CORA)'s 24-hour crisis hotline and law enforcement referrals last year, and 1,506 adults and teens received community education on healthy relationships and the impact of intimate partner abuse; and

WHEREAS, in San Mateo County, 189 adults and children were provided emergency shelter and 74 adults and children were provided supportive housing to escape their abusers last year; and

WHEREAS, 784 adults and children received therapy to help them with domestic violence-related trauma, and CORA fielded 1,659 requests for legal assistance; and

WHEREAS, intimate partner violence continues to be among the most under-reported crimes and San Mateo County is committed to eliminating all forms of intimate partner abuse.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates the month of October 2020 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, to raise awareness about and encourage all residents of San Mateo County to do their part to help rid our community of intimate partner violence.

Dated: October 20, 2020

SUPERVISORS:

WARREN SLOCUM, PRESIDENT

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Attest: _____
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors