

Proclamation

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 6, 2020 AS

United Against Hate Week

WHEREAS, the United States is a nation of immigrants whose contributions and strengths have enriched and enhanced the fabric of American life and culture, especially in San Mateo County; and

WHEREAS, the Southern Poverty Law Center reports a 55 percent increase in white nationalist hate groups since 2017 and a 43 percent increase in anti-LGBTQ hate groups in 2019, and since the year 2016, FBI data has shown an increase number of reported attacks against people of color, immigrants, members of the LGBTQ+ community and many others; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic and the handling of the response by the federal administration has exacerbated existing prejudices against members of the Asian community; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo prioritizes education, compassion, cooperation and empathy for one another to understand and appreciate the differences and similarities among its diverse residents; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo rejects hatred, prejudice, racism, bigotry, bullying and violence in any manner toward any individual regardless of race, ethnicity, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, socioeconomic status, immigration status or country of origin; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo rejects efforts to intimidate, threaten or marginalize any members of our community; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo values all of its residents regardless of whom they love, how they worship, where they were born, how they look, what language they speak, their abilities or how they vote; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to join other cities and counties in the Bay Area and the rest of the nation in recognizing United Against Hate Week as an important reminder to support welcoming and inclusive practices that aim to unite the community and celebrate the diversity within the County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County, State of California, hereby designates November 30 to December 6, 2020, as United Against Hate Week in San Mateo County.

Dated: November 17, 2020

SUPERVISORS:

WARREN SLOCUM, President

DAVE PINE

DON HORSLEY

CAROLE GROOM

DAVID J. CANEPA

Attest: _____
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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