

RESOLUTION NO.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION DECLARING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AS A HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATION AND RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF RESOURCES FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS IN PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization defines domestic violence or Intimate partner violence as behavior by an intimate partner or ex-partner that causes physical, sexual or psychological harm; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men in San Mateo County will experience domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence impacts over 10,000 people in San Mateo County each year; and

WHEREAS, research has found alarming long-term effects of domestic violence on victims; and

WHEREAS, human rights are standards that allow all people to live with dignity, freedom, equality, justice, and peace; and

WHEREAS, the promotion of human rights promotes safety and security for all individuals, and encourages human right resources that would identify and and protect individuals from domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, data during shelter-in-place in the County of San Mateo has shown that domestic violence is on the rise as individuals are more likely to perpetuate violence during public health emergencies; and

WHEREAS, declaring domestic violence as a human rights violation, we are recognizing the long-lasting damaging effects that impact domestic violence victims and are affirming that we will find and strengthen strategies and resources to aid victims; and

WHEREAS, the Board remains committed to our mission of promoting safety and security for all individuals and will continue to recognize the importance and availability of human rights resources during and beyond public health emergencies; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County declares domestic violence as a human rights violation and affirms its commitment to the promotion of human rights for all citizens.

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