

PROCLAMATION

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

June 2021 as Immigrant Heritage Month

WHEREAS, America is a nation of immigrants and the majority of us are here today because our ancestors believed in the promise of this Nation; and

WHEREAS, throughout American history, immigrants have greatly contributed to the cultural, social, and economic fabric of our country, state, and local communities; and

WHEREAS, there are 275,000 immigrants in the County of San Mateo - they are business owners, health care workers, friends, neighbors, and a critical part of our community; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, our essential workers, many of whom are immigrants, dedicated themselves to protecting the food security, health, and safety of our communities. These are the same immigrant families who were disproportionately impacted by the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, immigrants continue to support businesses and create jobs in the County of San Mateo and throughout the state of California, and act as a critical role in innovating and strengthening our economy; and

WHEREAS, despite these countless contributions, the role of immigrants in building and enriching our nation has been often overlooked, and ignorance, racism, and xenophobia has fueled anti-immigrant sentiment to this day; and

WHEREAS, immigrants have been tireless leaders in advancing rights and access to equal opportunity for all Americans and, therefore, we must continue our shared values of kindness, empathy, respect, and compassion, and be reminded that what unites us is far greater than what divides us.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates the month of June as Immigrant Heritage Month and denounces all forms of hate, celebrating the valuable contributions immigrants have made to our families, our communities, our state, and the fabric of our nation.

Dated: June 29, 2021

SUPERVISORS:

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