

# Proclamation

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING FEBRUARY 2001 AS

## AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION CHAIN OF SURVIVAL AWARENESS MONTH

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*PROCLAIMED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that*

*WHEREAS, cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death in San Mateo County and, since risk factors are known, many cases of cardiovascular disease can be prevented through healthy lifestyles; and*

*WHEREAS, a leading cause of death from heart disease is sudden cardiac arrest which is usually caused by an abnormal heart rhythm wherein no blood is pumped by the heart and each minute of delay in returning the heart to its normal pattern of beating decreases a person's chance of survival by 7 - 10 %; and*

*WHEREAS, this month will heighten the public's and employee's awareness of the Chain of Survival and will focus on the significant difference utilizing the components of the Chain - early access to Emergency Care by calling 911, early use of CPR, early defibrillation using Automatic External Defibrillators (AED) and early Advanced Care in a hospital setting - can make in the event of cardiac arrest; and*

*WHEREAS, all county residents are encouraged to attend upcoming American Heart Association Chain of Survival events at various County worksites, to realize the importance each step in the Chain of Survival can make in saving a life, to be prepared by learning CPR and how to use the AED machine which can take less than four hours and to request that AEDs be placed in all major public buildings throughout the County,*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that this Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County, hereby designates February 2001 as American Heart Association Chain of Survival Awareness Month in San Mateo County and invites all citizens to participate in related activities and events.*

*DATED: February 13, 2001*

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