

Proclamation

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

DESIGNATING

MARCH 4 - 10, 2001 AS

“BLACK CHURCH WEEK OF PRAYER FOR THE HEALING OF AIDS”

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that the week of March 4 - 10, 2001 has been designated the Black Church Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS throughout the United States, and

WHEREAS, the Black Church Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS is the largest AIDS awareness program targeting African Americans, and

WHEREAS, this awareness program will educate and encourage African American religious communities, nationally and in this county, to become centers for HIV prevention and treatment; and

WHEREAS, Hope Preservation, Inc. is mobilizing the African American faith community throughout San Mateo County to participate in this historic event; and

WHEREAS, the AIDS epidemic has disproportionately affected the African American residents of this county during the past twenty years, one-fifth of all AIDS cases having been within the African American community, which constitutes only 5% of the county's population, and

WHEREAS, nearly one-third of all recently diagnosed people with AIDS in the county have been African American men and women, and

WHEREAS, the African American people of San Mateo County deserve our support and encouragement in their efforts to dramatically reduce the impact of AIDS on their community

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California hereby designates March 4 - 10, 2001 as “Black Church Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS” in San Mateo County, and recognizes Hope Preservation, Inc for its role in furthering the understanding and action on this crucial issue within the African American faith community

DATED. February 27, 2001

SUPERVISORS: