

Proclamation

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

MENTAL ILLNESS AWARENESS MONTH

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

WHEREAS, the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill of San Mateo County (NAMI-SMC) is a non-profit, volunteer, grass-roots organization of families, individuals, and professionals dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with serious mental illness; and

WHEREAS, 2001 marks 27 years since the founding of the charter affiliate of NAMI in San Mateo County and today it has over 1200 affiliates and 220,000 members throughout the United States and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the NAMI mission is to provide education, advocacy and support for research for individuals and families devastated by serious mental illness; and

WHEREAS, NAMI-SMC is committed to advocacy on mental health policy issues regarding access to quality treatment and services, housing, education, employment and medical research, while providing a network of support groups and educational services to assist families of the mentally ill at the local level; and

WHEREAS, this month will heighten the public's awareness of mental illness and the necessity to fight discrimination, to become educated and to encourage better treatment and research for an illness that has been historically misunderstood,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that this Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County, hereby designates October 2001 as MENTAL ILLNESS AWARENESS MONTH in San Mateo County and extends its gratitude to NAMI-SMC for its selfless and dedicated service to the people of our county.

DATED: October 2, 2001

SUPERVISORS:

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