

Proclamation

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

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence continues to plague our communities with more than four million women in the United States being battered by their husbands or boyfriends every year; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice reports that in the year 2000, there were more than one million cases of Domestic Violence nationwide; and

WHEREAS, from October 2000 to June 2001, there were approximately 3,267 reported cases of Domestic Violence in San Mateo County; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence impacts up to 10 million children nationwide and sixty percent of children who witness Domestic Violence later repeat that violence as adults; and

WHEREAS, despite the best efforts of County government, nonprofit agencies, and community members, the cycle of Domestic Violence continues to impact far too many families in San Mateo County; and

WHEREAS, on October 10th, 2001, the Domestic Violence Council of San Mateo County is sponsoring a "WALK THE WALK – STOP FAMILY VIOLENCE" walk as part of their ongoing Domestic Violence Awareness campaign; and

WHEREAS, San Mateo County has developed some of the most innovative responses to Domestic Violence including the Domestic Violence Court, the Community Police Emergency Outreach Program, the Domestic Violence Death Review Team, and the Automated Domestic Violence Restraining Order System.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates the month of October 2001 as DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH and encourages all citizens of San Mateo County to support the effort to rid our community of Domestic Violence and its many social consequences.

DATED: October 2, 2001