

# Proclamation

## THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING NOVEMBER 2001 AS ELDER AND DEPENDENT ADULT ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

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WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County that the month of November is being declared as **ELDER AND DEPENDENT ADULT ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH** to raise awareness of a heinous crime that is affecting our nation; and

WHEREAS, senior citizens in San Mateo County currently number 165,866 residents over 55 years of age and are 23.5% of the County population; and

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Aging and Adult Services receives approximately 80 reports of suspected abuse per month from community agencies, churches, family members, fire departments, banks, police, and anonymous callers; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that only one in six cases of elder and dependent abuse go reported because victims are ashamed, helpless, or feel loyal to the abuser; and

WHEREAS, elder and dependent abuse takes on many forms including physical, psychological, emotional, and/or financial abuse; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo's Adult Abuse Prevention Collaborative has developed a multi-faceted community education campaign to alert the community about how to recognize abuse and where to report suspected cases of abuse; and

WHEREAS, the Adult Abuse Prevention Collaborative is comprised of representatives from the aging and disabilities networks, law enforcement and legal services; and

WHEREAS, the Adult Abuse Prevention Collaborative also informs the community about the wide variety of services and support available to seniors and dependent adults in San Mateo County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County designates November 2001 as **ELDER AND DEPENDENT ADULT ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH** in San Mateo County. The Board of Supervisors hereby encourages all citizens of San Mateo County to support the effort to rid our community of **ELDER AND DEPENDENT ADULT ABUSE** and its many consequences.

DATED: October 30, 2001

SUPERVISORS:

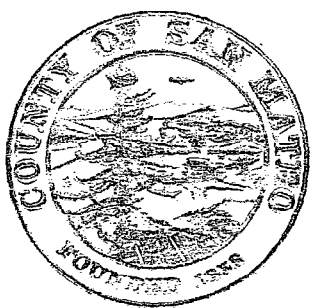
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