

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING MAY 2002 AS OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County that the month of May is being declared as OLDER AMERICANS MONTH to recognize the outstanding contributions of older Americans to our community; and

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Commission on Aging, in compliance with the Older Americans Act, was established by the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors on November 12, 1969; and

WHEREAS, the Commission on Aging provides guidance to the Board of Supervisors and the Aging and Adult Services Division on matters pertaining to services provided for older Americans; and

WHEREAS, the Commission on Aging works extensively on diverse issues for older Americans including health, housing, elder abuse, income, transportation, employment and cultural opportunities; and

WHEREAS, older Americans in San Mateo County currently number 151,598 residents who are 55 years of age or over and comprise 21.4% of the County population; and

WHEREAS, older Americans have contributed significantly to the development of San Mateo County and continue to enhance the lives of their neighbors; and

WHEREAS, older Americans possess and share a wealth of experience, background and history, making them an important part of the ties that bind both family and community; and

WHEREAS, older Americans should be recognized for their outstanding contributions and deserve to have all their earned rights and privileges protected and respected; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County designates May 2002 as OLDER AMERICANS MONTH in San Mateo County. The Board of Supervisors hereby encourages all citizens of San Mateo County to observe this month by showing appreciation and respect to all of our older Americans.

DATED: May 7, 2002

SUPERVISORS:

ERRYHILL, PRESIDENT

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