

Proclamation

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF MAY 4-11, 2002 AS

NATIONAL SAFE KIDS WEEK 2002

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

WHEREAS, unintentional injury is the leading cause of death for children ages 1-4 and children ages 5-14 in San Mateo County; and

WHEREAS, motor vehicle injuries, homicide, suicide, and unintentional injuries are, in order, the leading causes of death for adolescents ages 15-19 in San Mateo County; and

WHEREAS, hospitalizations for intentional and unintentional injuries continue to significantly impact the health care system; and

WHEREAS, 96.1% of parents noted their child always wears a child restraint/seat belt while riding in the car, but only 56% of parents stated that their child always wears a bicycle helmet; and

WHEREAS, the National SAFE KIDS Campaign promotes childhood injury prevention by uniting diverse groups into state and local coalitions, developing innovative educational tools and strategies, initiating legislative changes, promoting new technology, and raising awareness through media; and

WHEREAS, the National SAFE KIDS Campaign launches SAFE KIDS Week 2002; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara/San Mateo SAFE KIDS Coalition has planned special childhood injury prevention activities and community-based events for SAFE KIDS Week 2002 in an effort to educate families about injuries and injury prevention; and

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Childhood Injury Prevention Collaborative and the Santa Clara/San Mateo SAFE KIDS Coalition will host a countywide Health and Safety Fair on May 11, 2002 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM in the west parking lot of the Health Services Agency, 225 - 37th Avenue, San Mateo,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors designates the week of May 4 through May 11, 2002 as NATIONAL SAFE KIDS WEEK and call upon the residents of San Mateo County to join in the support of the efforts and activities of the San Mateo County Childhood Injury Prevention Collaborative and the Santa Clara/San Mateo SAFE KIDS Coalition to prevent intentional and unintentional childhood injuries.

DATED: May 7, 2002

SUPERVISORS:



JERRY HILL, PRESIDENT