

Proclamation

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAIMS THE MONTH OF MAY AS

WOMEN'S HEALTH MONTH AND RECOGNIZES THE COUNTY'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE HEALTH AND WELLNESS OF WOMEN IN SAN MATEO COUNTY

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

WHEREAS, heart disease is the leading cause of death for California women, and women tend to die at an earlier age from health disease because they tend to receive care later in the course of the disease; and

WHEREAS, women are more likely than men to die from tobacco-related cancers, which have surpassed breast cancer as the leading cause of cancer deaths among women; and

WHEREAS, women and girls are at a greater risk for complications that include pelvic inflammatory disease and infertility due to sexually transmitted diseases; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to adult women; and

WHEREAS, the leading cause of workplace injury for women is homicide; and

WHEREAS, women face unique health risks by virtue of their reproductive status; and

WHEREAS, twenty percent of all California women are uninsured and are less likely to access health care services because of their uninsured status; and

WHEREAS, low-income, minority, and older women are less likely to obtain necessary health care due to lack of health insurance; and

WHEREAS, women have a longer life expectancy and experience more chronic diseases than men; and

WHEREAS, women are most likely to serve as the primary caregiver for their children, spouse, parents and others; and

WHEREAS, minority women are disproportionately affected by health conditions, including tobacco-related cancers, heart disease, depression, and reproductive health risks; and

WHEREAS, the incidence of AIDS cases among women is on the rise; and

WHEREAS, osteoporosis affects 5 million Californians, 80 percent of whom are women; and

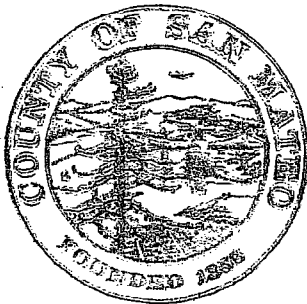
WHEREAS, recognition of health issues unique to women and differences in health and health care experiences across cultures and age groups among women is critical to the development of strategies for improving the health care and quality of life for girls and women; and

WHEREAS, continued efforts to meet the health care needs of the state's girls and women are necessary;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors proclaim the month of May to be Women's Health Month, and encourages and promotes efforts to increase awareness about all women's health issues.

Dated: May 14, 2002

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