Resolution

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING September 2002 AS

RECOVERY HAPPENS MONTH

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

WHEREAS, the month of September 2002 is National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month; and

WHEREAS, substance abuse is a major public health problem that affects people of all ages, races, and ethnic backgrounds and in all communities and which has a tremendous medical, economic, and societal cost; and

WHEREAS, the substance abuse treatment and prevention providers of San Mateo County have dedicated themselves to the recovery process and to the education of the public about alcoholism, drug dependence, and treatment issues; and

WHEREAS, every day, in San Mateo County, men women and youth enter treatment for substance abuse and begin the road to recovery; and

WHEREAS, persons in recovery lead sober, productive lives as workers, students, parents, citizens, and taxpayers as a direct result of prevention, treatment, and recovery services; and

WHEREAS, acknowledging these efforts in September 2002 offers advocates of recovery an opportunity to educate the public and policymakers about the effectiveness of treatment and prevention,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that this Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County hereby designates the month of September 2002 as "RECOVERY HAPPENS MONTH" and encourages all residents to promote the benefits of drug and alcohol addiction education, prevention, treatment, and recovery, as well as reminding all residents that every action taken has the power to affect another, so that when one succeeds, we all succeed, and in that spirit this year's theme is, "Join the Voices of Recovery: A Call to Action."

DATED: September 1, 2002

SUPERVISORS:

ERRY HILL, PRESIDENT