

Proclamation

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

DESIGNATING OCTOBER 2002 AS

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, more than four million victims in the United States are battered by their intimate partners every year; and;

WHEREAS, in 1999, women accounted for 85% of the victims of domestic violence and men accounted for 15% of the victims; and

WHEREAS, during the 2001 calendar year, there were approximately 3,000 domestic violence related calls to law enforcement agencies in San Mateo County; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence impacts up to 10 million children nationwide and sixty percent of children who witness Domestic Violence later repeat that violence as adults; and

WHEREAS, the County developed in collaboration with the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, the Violence in Families Initiative Program (VIP) in response to the awareness of the negative impact that domestic violence has on children; and

WHEREAS, on October 10th, 2002, the Domestic Violence Council of San Mateo County is sponsoring the second annual "WALK THE WALK - STOP FAMILY VIOLENCE" walk and have launched a WHITE RIBBON CAMPAIGN, the largest worldwide effort of men working to end violence against women, as part of an ongoing Domestic Violence Awareness campaign; and

WHEREAS, San Mateo County has developed some of the most innovative responses to Domestic Violence. In addition to the VIP, the County developed the Domestic Violence Court, the Community Police Emergency Outreach Program, the Domestic Violence Death Review Team, and the Automated Domestic Violence Restraining Order System.

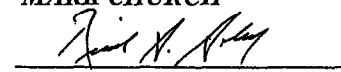
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates the month of October 2002 as DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH and encourages all citizens of San Mateo County to support the effort to rid our community of Domestic Violence and its many social consequences.


DATED: October 8, 2002


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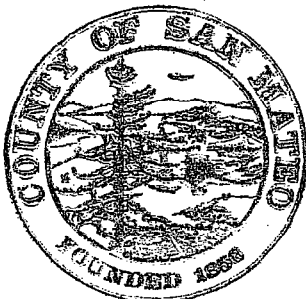

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Attest: Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors