

# Proclamation

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING NOVEMBER 25, 2002 AS

## **SAN MATEO MEDICAL CENTER DAY**

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

*WHEREAS, San Mateo County has experienced a long public health history reaching back over 120 years when the first hospital in the county opened its doors as a public facility serving the needs of the poorest residents; originally located in the area of the Crystal Springs Reservoir, it eventually relocated to its current home in the Beresford District of the City of San Mateo; and*

*WHEREAS, in 1993, after years of study and numerous public hearings, the Board of Supervisors voted to construct a new facility to replace the outdated and inadequate hospital and, in 2001, was able to unwrap this new Center which combines rehabilitation/skilled nursing care with medical and psychiatric in-patient care and extensive out-patient primary care and specialty services; and*

*WHEREAS, this state-of-the-art facility, with over ten clinics and the only hospital in the county that meets the new earthquake standards, was given the new name of SAN MATEO MEDICAL CENTER in 2002 and celebrates its new direction and new mission of "Opening Doors to Excellence in Healthcare" with a dedication to Service, Dignity, Integrity, Innovation and Excellence; and*

*WHEREAS, in addition to its nationally-known psychiatric residency program, SAN MATEO MEDICAL CENTER has one of the most acclaimed HIV/AIDS public health and research programs in the United States as well as the groundbreaking Keller Center which is the only designated center for child abuse victims, rape victims and the screening of shelter care system children in the county; and*

*WHEREAS, SAN MATEO MEDICAL CENTER serves as the official San Mateo County Hazardous Material Treatment Facility and as such is the epicenter of the County health structure in regards to the once unimaginable, now shockingly indeterminable potential for biological attacks against the County of San Mateo,*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors designates the 25th day of November, two thousand and two, as SAN MATEO MEDICAL CENTER DAY throughout the County of San Mateo and with sincerest thanks for the effort put forth in the name of our citizens and their continued well-being.*

DATED: November 25, 2002

SUPERVISORS:

  
JERRY HILL, PRESIDENT