Proclamation

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

·March 16-22, 2003

California Mediation Week

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WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Board of San Mateo County that alternative dispute resolution has grown remarkably in the past few years; and

WHEREAS, our society has become increasingly contentious, leading to social disharmony, and incidents of senseless violence, resulting in a greater need for law enforcement and dispute adjudication agencies; and

WHEREAS, the growth of mediation is partly fueled by dissatisfaction with adversarial problem-solving and its high cost, and slow results, it is also a search for something better. In an effort to ameliorate these conditions, and to improve relations among citizens and within neighborhoods and families, many of our citizens have turned to mediation with resultant social and economic benefits; and
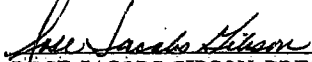
WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, the Multi Option ADR Project, the Association for Conflict Resolution-Northern California, the Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center, the San Mateo County Bar Association, and the San Mateo County Family Court Services are sponsoring Mediation Week 2003; and

WHEREAS, all these groups are engaged in promoting the use of mediation and raising public consciousness about its merits and to that end have organized presentations to civic and service clubs, prepared publicity releases, and an education workshop introducing the use of mediation in a variety of settings, all of which events are focused on the week of March 16-22, 2003;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo does hereby designate the week of March 16-22, 2003 CALIFORNIA MEDIATION WEEK and expresses sincere appreciation to our citizens who are working diligently to assist fellow citizens and local agencies in addressing conflict resolution needs.
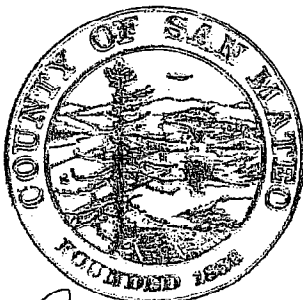
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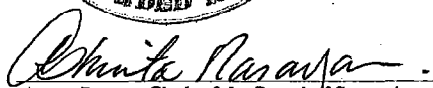
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