

Proclamation

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

PROCLAIMS

APRIL 6 - APRIL 12, 2003

"VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK"

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors has become aware that our society hereby increasingly focuses its attention on the rights of crime victims and witnesses, recognizing their plight and the public's obligation to remain aware; and

WHEREAS, the hardship which crime victims and witnesses suffer may be physical, financial and emotional, and the urgency and duty of all citizens and institutions is to play positive roles in improving the services for victims of crime and their families, which will help to restore effectiveness to the administration of justice; and

WHEREAS, San Mateo County operates a Victim Center Program that last year handled over 4000, victim referrals from law enforcement, and provided crisis intervention, which helped crime victims to collect approximately \$600,000 in rehabilitation costs; and

WHEREAS, the Victim Center, together with all Law Enforcement and Victim's Services Agencies within San Mateo County, cooperate in bringing caring assistance to all victims of crime, and helps all citizens to facilitate the understanding of the criminal justice system and the rights of crime victims and witnesses, to ultimately help enhance the fair and effective administration of justice,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, in conjunction with National Crime Victims' Rights Week, does hereby designate the week of April 6 through April 12, 2003 as VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK throughout San Mateo County.

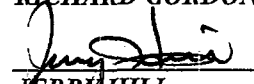
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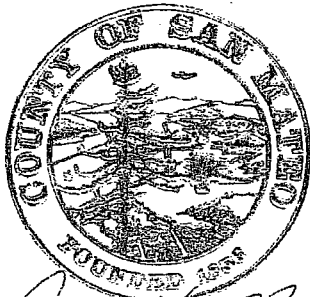

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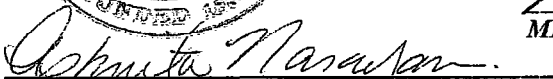

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