

Proclamation

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

DESIGNATING

THE MONTH OF APRIL

AS

“FAIR HOUSING MONTH”

IN SAN MATEO COUNTY

WHEREAS, adequate housing is a basic need and right of all people; and

WHEREAS, April 11, 2003 marks the 35th anniversary of the enactment of the Federal Fair Housing Act of 1968 (Title III of the Civil Rights Act), which states that discrimination in the sales and rental of housing is illegal when based on race, color, religion, sex, or national origin; and

WHEREAS, the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 extends fair housing rights on the basis of familial status to families with children, and on the basis of handicap to disabled persons; and

WHEREAS, California law adds protection against discrimination based on marital status, ancestry, source of income, sexual orientation, and any other arbitrary factor; and

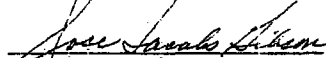
WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo supports fair housing efforts to eliminate discrimination in housing and contracts with Midpeninsula Citizens Fair Housing to educate home seekers, apartment managers, and apartment owners on federal and state housing laws, and to investigate complaints of illegal housing discrimination in San Mateo County; and

WHEREAS, in order to heighten public awareness, the County of San Mateo wishes to focus public attention on April as Fair Housing Month; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates the Month of April 2003 as Fair Housing Month and do encourage all citizens and community organizations to celebrate the value of harmonious and diverse communities of neighbors, and to support the goal of equal housing opportunity for all people.

DATED: April 22, 2003

SUPERVISORS:

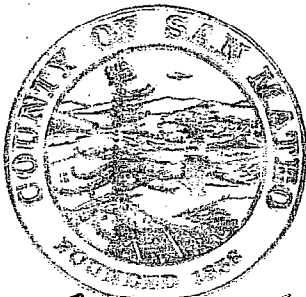

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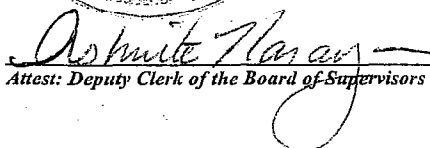

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