

Proclamation

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

PROCLAIMS

APRIL 28 -- MAY 4, 2003

AS

“MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL AND WEST NILE VIRUS AWARENESS WEEK”

WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo recognizes that West Nile Virus – a virulent and potentially deadly form of encephalitis – poses a grave threat to the health and safety of all Californians as early as this spring and for the foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS mosquitoes that are commonly found within California are known vectors of the West Nile virus, which has struck with deadly force throughout the United States in recent years; and

WHEREAS, adequately funded mosquito and vector control, monitoring and public awareness programs are the best way to prevent outbreaks of West Nile virus and other diseases borne by mosquitoes and other vectors; and

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Mosquito Abatement District works with local Public Health Departments, mosquito and vector control districts throughout California, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, and the State Department of Health Services to reduce pesticide risks to humans, animals, and the environment while protecting human health from mosquito and vector-borne diseases and nuisance attacks; and

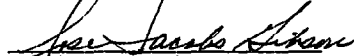
WHEREAS, educational programs are being developed to include schools, civic groups, private industry, and government agencies, in order to meet the public's need for information about West Nile Virus, other diseases and mosquito and vector biology and control; and

WHEREAS, public awareness can result in reduced production of mosquitoes and other vectors on private, commercial, and public lands by responsible parties, avoidance of the bites of mosquitoes and other vectors when the risk of West Nile Virus and other disease transmission is high, detection of human cases of mosquito and vector-borne diseases that may be otherwise misdiagnosed for lack of appropriate laboratory testing, and the formation of mosquito or vector control agencies where needed:


NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors designates the week of April 28- May 4, 2003 as “MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL AND WEST NILE VIRUS AWARENESS WEEK” throughout San Mateo County.

DATED: April 22, 2003

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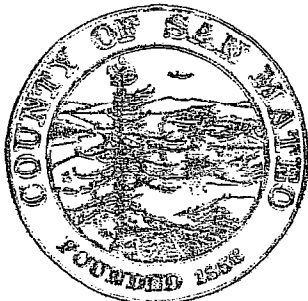

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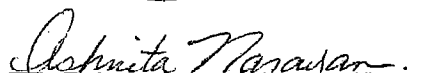

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