

# Proclamation

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

*DESIGNATING  
SEPTEMBER 2003*

*AS*

*RECOVERY HAPPENS MONTH*

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*RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that the month of September 2003 is National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month; and*

*WHEREAS, substance abuse and co-occurring mental disorders and physical illnesses are major public health problems that affect people of all ages, races and ethnic backgrounds, in all communities and have tremendous medical economic and societal costs; and*

*WHEREAS, the substance abuse treatment and prevention providers of San Mateo County have dedicated themselves to the recovery process and to the education of the public about alcoholism, drug dependence, co-occurring disorders and other treatment issues; and*

*WHEREAS, every day in San Mateo County, men, women and youth enter treatment for substance abuse and begin the road to recovery; and*

*WHEREAS, persons in recovery lead sober, productive lives as workers, students, parents, citizens and taxpayers as a direct result of prevention treatment and recovery services; and*

*WHEREAS, acknowledging these efforts in September 2003 offers advocates of recovery an opportunity to educate the public and policymakers about the effectiveness of treatment and prevention;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California hereby designates September 2003 as Recovery Happens Month in San Mateo County and encourages all residents to promote the benefits of drug and alcohol addiction education, prevention treatment and recovery. Let us all remember that every action we take has the power to affect another. So, when one succeeds, we all succeed. In this spirit, this year's theme is "Join the Voices of Recovery: Celebrating Health".*

*DATED: September 23, 2003*

*SUPERVISORS:*

*Rose Jacobs Gibson*  
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*ROSE JACOBS GIBSON, PRESIDENT*