

Proclamation

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

OCTOBER 2003

AS

"DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH"

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence is the leading cause of injury to U.S. women between 15-44 years of age; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, 489 San Mateo County families stayed in a shelter to escape domestic violence and hundreds of others were turned away due to lack of space; and

WHEREAS, there were 2,879 domestic violence related 911 calls to law enforcement and over 4,700 calls to service providers for abused women last year in San Mateo County; and

WHEREAS, last year in San Mateo County there were over 5,200 child maltreatment referrals made to Child Protective Services; and

WHEREAS, experts estimate that intimate partner violence costs U.S. businesses \$3 billion to \$5 billion annually in lost time and productivity; and

WHEREAS, nationally, intimate partner violence health related costs exceed \$5.8 billion each year; and

WHEREAS, on October 16, 2003, the Domestic Violence Council of San Mateo County is sponsoring the third annual "WALK THE WALK - STOP FAMILY VIOLENCE" walk and the White Ribbon Campaign aimed at men who pledge to work towards eliminating violence against women; and

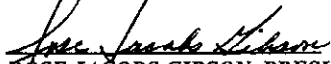
WHEREAS, Sor Juana Ines Center for Domestic Violence Prevention provides bilingual crisis intervention and prevention services including legal assistance, emergency housing, counseling, a hot line, outreach and education and prevention services; and

WHEREAS, County of San Mateo is committed to eliminating all forms of family abuse and violence; 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 October 2003 as DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH and encourages all residents of San Mateo County to support the effort to rid our community of domestic violence.

DATED: October 7, 2003


SUPERVISORS:


ROSE JACOBS GIBSON, PRESIDENT


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Attest: Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors