

# Proclamation

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF MARCH 14 - 20, 2004 AS

## CALIFORNIA MEDIATION WEEK

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*PROCLAIMED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that*

*WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County that alternative dispute resolution has grown remarkably in the past few years; and*

*WHEREAS, our society has become increasingly contentious, leading to social disharmony, and incidents of senseless violence, resulting in a greater need for law enforcement and dispute adjudication agencies; and*

*WHEREAS, the growth of mediation is partly fueled by dissatisfaction with adversarial problem-solving and its high cost and slow results, and it is also a search for something better; and*

*WHEREAS, in an effort to ameliorate these conditions, and to improve relations among citizens and within neighborhoods and families, many of our citizens have turned to mediation with resultant social and economic benefits; and*

*WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, the Multi Option ADR Project, the Northern California Mediation Association, the Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center, the San Mateo County Bar Association, and the San Mateo County Family Court Services are sponsoring MEDIATION WEEK 2004, and all of these groups are engaged in promoting the use of mediation and raising public consciousness about its merits and to that end have organized presentations to civic and service clubs, prepared publicity releases, and an education workshop introducing the use of mediation in a variety of settings, all of which events are focused on the week of March 14 - 20, 2004.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that this Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County, hereby designates the week of March 14 - 20, 2004 CALIFORNIA MEDIATION WEEK and expresses sincere appreciation to our citizens who are working diligently to assist fellow citizens and local agencies in addressing conflict resolution needs.*

*DATED: March 16, 2004*

*SUPERVISORS:*

  
MARK CHURCH, PRESIDENT