

Resolution

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

FRIENDS FOR YOUTH

WHEREAS, FRIENDS FOR YOUTH celebrates 25 years of commitment to successful mentoring of at-risk youth in San Mateo and northern Santa Clara counties; and

WHEREAS, the power of the spirit of cooperation among individuals, governing bodies, community groups, and private sector entities has enabled FRIENDS FOR YOUTH to bring promising futures to children, help them stay in school, choose healthy lifestyles, and make positive choices in their lives; and

WHEREAS, research shows volunteer mentors can play a powerful role in reducing risky adolescent behaviors such as drug and alcohol abuse and youth violence, while greatly enhancing a young person's prospects for leading a healthy and productive life; and

WHEREAS, FRIENDS FOR YOUTH remains the only agency exclusively focused on community-based one-to-one mentoring for youth in San Mateo and northern Santa Clara counties, and a rare opportunity for local community members to participate in such community-based volunteering; and

WHEREAS, in the words of a volunteer mentor, "Our friendship has been a constant reminder that there is more to life than just work. My mentee has grounded me, reminding me that not everyone has an easy life"; and

WHEREAS, in the words of a mentee, "I just want to say thanks to an organization that has touched my life in a special way. I have found not just one new friend, but a whole group of caring people. It's a great world in which we live";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County honors and commends FRIENDS FOR YOUTH on its 25th Anniversary and extends its warmest wishes for many more years of success.

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