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THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF APRIL 25-MAY 1, 2004 AS

NATIONAL INFANT IMMUNIZATION WEEK

THE MONTH OF MAY, 2004 AS

TODDLER IMMUNIZATION MONTH

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

WHEREAS, immunizations are our children's only defense against vaccine-preventable diseases; and

WHEREAS, preventable diseases still pose a serious threat to infants and toddlers and complications of these diseases are often devastating to both patients and their families; and

WHEREAS, a recent study indicates that while California immunization rates for two year olds have improved to 71.4% and San Mateo County immunization rates to 75.6%, we still have a distance to go to reach the goal of 90% coverage by 2010; and

WHEREAS, this year's campaign "Stop Whooping Cough" focuses on childhood diseases that affect the lungs, notably pertussis ("whooping cough"); and

WHEREAS, San Mateo County had 24 cases of pertussis in 2003, in infants, children, and adults; and

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Public Health and Environmental Protection Division will be conducting outreach in preschool sites to educate parents and childcare providers about the seriousness of childhood illnesses like pertussis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the County of San Mateo Board of Supervisors that the week of April 25-May 1 is hereby designated NATIONAL INFANT IMMUNIZATION WEEK and the month of May is hereby designated TODDLER IMMUNIZATION MONTH in San Mateo County.

DATED: April 20, 2004

SUPERVISORS:

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Attest: Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors