Proclamation

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF MAY 3-9, 2004 AS

MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL
AND WEST NILE VIRUS AWARENESS WEEK

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

WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo recognizes that West Nile virus is a mosquito-borne disease that can result in debilitating cases of meningitis and encephalitis and death to humans, horses, avian species and other wildlife; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, West Nile virus killed 223 people throughout the nation and sickened nearly 10,000 individuals; and

WHEREAS, mosquito and vector control, disease surveillance and public awareness programs are the best way to prevent outbreaks of West Nile virus and other diseases borne by mosquitoes and other vectors; and

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Mosquito Abatement District works with mosquito and vector control districts throughout California, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, and the State Department of Health Services to reduce pesticide risks to humans, animals and the environment while protecting human health from mosquito and vector-borne diseases and nuisance attacks; and

WHEREAS, Mosquito and Vector Control and West Nile Virus Awareness Week will increase the public's awareness of the threat of West Nile virus and other diseases and the activities of the various mosquito and vector research and control agencies working to minimize the health threat within California, and will highlight the public education programs currently available,
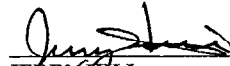
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the County of San Mateo Board of Supervisors that the week of May 3-9 is hereby designated MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL AND WEST NILE VIRUS AWARENESS WEEK in San Mateo County.
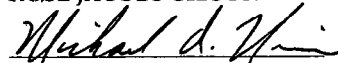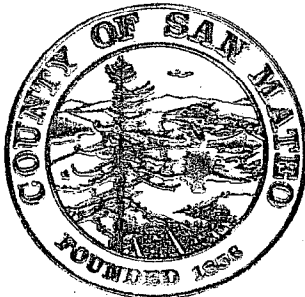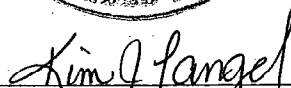
DATED: May 4, 2004

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Attest: Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors