

# Proclamation

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

APRIL 2004

AS

## CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

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WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County that the month of April be designated as CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH; and

WHEREAS, every child in San Mateo County is a precious gift, full of promise and potential; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a serious problem in San Mateo County and across the nation; and

WHEREAS, every year in the state of California, child welfare services agencies receive 650,000 reports of suspected child abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, there were 5,495 referrals of child abuse and neglect in San Mateo County in 2003; and

WHEREAS, the prevention of child abuse is crucial to the preservation of the health and well-being of San Mateo County's families, and can be accomplished by providing support and information to families as well as through increased community awareness; and

WHEREAS, all children learn from role models at home, at their place of worship, at school, and in their communities and all children benefit from the love and leadership displayed by caring and responsible adults; and

WHEREAS, children are our most precious resource and San Mateo County is committed to keeping all children safe and happy,

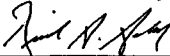
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County proclaims APRIL 2004 as CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH.

DATED: April 6, 2004

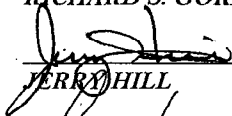
SUPERVISORS:



MARK CHURCH, PRESIDENT



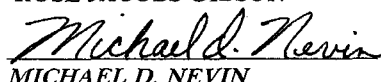
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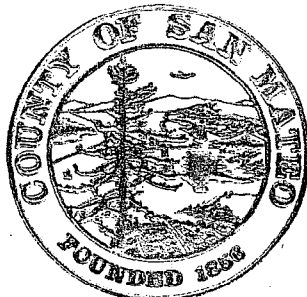
JERRY HILL



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Attest: Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors