

## THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING

## APRIL 4-10, 2004 AS PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County that the week of April 4-10 be designated as PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK; and

WHEREAS, over the past fifty years, San Mateo County residents have achieved significant increases in life expectancy and reductions in disability and injury; and

WHEREAS, despite these gains, significant population groups within the County continue to have disproportionately higher rates of cancer, heart disease, infectious diseases, violence, asthma, early pregnancy and infant mortality; and

WHEREAS, health disparities are not limited to one single factor but may be related to geographical factors, racial and ethnic heritage, age, gender, sexual orientation, community infrastructure and resources, socio-economic status, and environmental exposures; and

WHEREAS, San Mateo County is highly diverse and shows disparities in a wide range of health and wellness conditions; and

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors will host the first Health Disparities Summit on May 21 to increase awareness, collaboration and communication regarding health disparities in San Mateo County in an effort to develop new strategies and improve existing efforts aimed at eliminating disparities,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors designates the week of April 4-10, 2004 PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK throughout San Mateo County.

Dated: April 6, 2004

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Attest: Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors