

Resolution

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING MAY 4, 2004 AS

WORLD ASTHMA DAY

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

WHEREAS, approximately 14,600 children and 33,300 adults in San Mateo County have asthma; and

WHEREAS, asthma attacks cause people with asthma and their family members to miss thousands of days at work and school; and

WHEREAS, levels of indoor and outdoor air pollution are known to affect asthma symptoms; and

WHEREAS, differences in both living conditions and access to health care result in ethnic and economic disparities in the prevalence and severity of asthma; and

WHEREAS, hospitalization rates for asthma in African-Americans in San Mateo County are double the rates for other groups; and

WHEREAS, geographic differences in asthma hospitalizations also exist, with the highest rates in northern San Mateo County and in East Palo Alto; and

WHEREAS, many residents of San Mateo County have taken steps to decrease the burden of asthma in their communities by stopping smoking, controlling energy use to decrease air pollution, educating people with asthma on controlling environmental asthma triggers, establishing school-based systems for asthma care, and improving access to health care,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors joins others in proclaiming May 4, 2004 as WORLD ASTHMA DAY, and commends those who are working to decrease the burden of asthma among the residents of the county and encourages others to join in this effort.

DATED: May 4, 2004

SUPERVISORS:


MARK CHURCH, PRESIDENT



