

# Resolution

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING

## MARIA ZANETTE FRESCHET

On the Celebration of Her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday

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WHEREAS, Maria Zanette Freschet, the loving and gentle matriarch of her family, will celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on Sunday, May 16, 2004, with family and friends at the Peninsula American Italian Social Club in San Mateo. Maria is the matriarch of her family in every sense of the word. Family has always been her focus in life. Family and friends alike know they can turn to her for advice, a sympathetic ear, and a helping hand. She is also a very sociable person and still enjoys a good party, often being the last one to leave; and

WHEREAS, Maria was born on May 29, 1904 in San Fior de Soto, Italy. She is the matriarch of both the Freschet and Zanette families living in the United States. The Freschet family has been living in San Mateo for 82 years. Joseph Freschet (now deceased), came to San Mateo in 1922. In 1926 he went back to Italy to marry Maria. They returned to the United States together on the Italian ship Conte Biancamano and arrived in New York on May 3, 1926. After spending several days at Ellis Island, they traveled by train to San Mateo; and

WHEREAS, Maria has lived in her present home at 514 South Delaware, San Mateo since 1927. She has two children, Leno Freschet and Jenny Benner both currently residing in San Mateo, 8 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren, and 2 great-great grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Maria has been a member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church for 77 years. In years past she was actively involved in the parish and as a member of the Italian Catholic Federation. She has seen San Mateo grown from a small, quiet town to a large, bustling city. When she first moved to her home on Delaware, the neighborhood resembled a farm with cows in the field behind her house. For many years, she even raised her own chickens and rabbits; and


WHEREAS, Maria is a fabulous cook. At 100 years of age, she still stands comfortably at the helm of her kitchen and enjoys cooking for her family and teaching them all her special recipes, including a spaghetti sauce that is "out of this world". Maria loves to garden and grows beautiful flowers as well as fruit trees and vegetables. Her garden includes a variety of vegetables including tomatoes, Italian lettuce, beets, swiss chard and assorted herbs. What she does not use, she happily shares with others. She also loves passing on family traditions and entertaining her grandchildren with stories about her days growing up in Italy during World War I, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors does hereby honor Maria Zanette Freschet, on her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. On this day, her dedication and commitment to friends and family and her love for life will be celebrated. We are proud to have her as a resident and community member of San Mateo County.

DATED: May 16, 2004

SUPERVISORS:

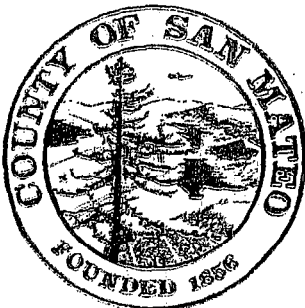
  
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Attest: Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors