

Proclamation

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

WORLD OCEANS DAY 2004

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

WHEREAS the oceans play a critical role in maintaining the Earth's ecosystems and are essential for the continued existence and well being of human life; and

WHEREAS it is critical to promote stewardship and protection for oceans and marine life; and

WHEREAS San Mateo County is fortunate to have resources like the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve, a working harbor at Pillar Point, Maverick's beach, miles of ocean shore and the presence of both the Gulf of the Farallones and the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuaries; and

WHEREAS a wide range of nonprofit and educational organizations and volunteers are working with great dedication to bring these issues to our attention and protect these resources in San Mateo County; and

WHEREAS ocean environments around the world are collapsing, primarily due to over-fishing, pollution, and unsustainable ocean development; and

WHEREAS San Mateo County recognizes the importance of focusing our vision on protecting and enhancing the ocean resources that contribute to the outstanding quality of life for our community; and

WHEREAS San Mateo County is encouraging businesses and the public to support local fisherman by choosing fish and seafood caught with sustainable fishing practices; and

WHEREAS San Mateo County benefits from the contributions made by the local fishing economy, coastal tourism and the efforts of the Half Moon Bay Chamber of Commerce's eco-tourism campaign; and

WHEREAS around the world communities are calling for the United Nations to make a resolution to recognize June 8th annually as World Oceans Day;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that today, the 8th of June 2004, is World Oceans Day in San Mateo County; and be it further resolved that the Board of Supervisors calls upon all residents of San Mateo County to learn about and honor the value of our living oceans and the organizations working to sustain them to commemorate this observance.

DATED: June 8, 2004

SUPERVISORS: