Proclamation

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA DESIGNATING JANUARY 17. 2005

AS

"MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY"

IN SAN MATEO COUNTY

WHEREAS, racism and injustice still plagues many communities and we commend those who speak out against bigotry, violence, and other ills in our society; and

WHEREAS, Martin Luther King Jr. called on all people to enter into discourse which would enable us to come together to overcome our differences; and we must establish forums throughout our community for genuine discourse and incorporate genuine discourse in our existing congregations, assemblies of government, non-profit agencies, councils, associations, neighborhoods and service groups; and

WHEREAS, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day enables us to come together and to demonstrate that we believe every child and adult in our community should be free from the abuses of prejudice and have the full opportunity to achieve their dreams; and

WHEREAS, we affirm the principle that this is a nation that celebrates all cultures and we encourage the cultures in this community to share and share in these celebrations, and we call for the creation of a forum to establish a community wide "inclusion calendar;" and

WHEREAS, for 20 years, the Freedom Train has traveled from San Jose to San Francisco on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day with 2,500 people representing our diversity of ages, races, religions, national origins, and cultures; and

WHEREAS, this Freedom Train is an affirmation for the participants and a vision for the world that people have maintained a four decade old commitment to achieve the fulfillment of Dr. King's Dream.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates January 17, 2005 as MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY and encourages all citizens of San Mateo County to join together in celebrating Dr. King's Dream by joining the 6th Annual Mid peninsula Celebration and 20th Annual Freedom Train.



DATED: January 17, 2005

Attest: Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

SUPERVISORS: RICHARD GORDON, PRESIDENT MARK CHURCH