

Resolution

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING FEBRUARY 4, 2005 AS

GIVE KIDS A SMILE DAY

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

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports dental decay as the leading chronic infectious disease among children in the United States, occurring five to eight times as frequently as asthma; and

WHEREAS, the National Institutes of Health reports that 80% of dental decay is found in just 25% of U.S. children, mainly from low-income families; and

WHEREAS, among low-income children, almost 50% of dental decay is untreated, resulting in preventable pain, malnourishment, reduced self-esteem, dysfunction, other infections; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, more than 35,000 dental professionals nationwide participated in GIVE KIDS A SMILE DAY, a program founded by the American Dental Association (ADA) to raise awareness of and to provide dental care for low-income children; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo Health Services Agency estimates more than 2,000 children from local low-income families have dental health deficiencies,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates February 4, 2005, as GIVE KIDS A SMILE DAY, and joins the ADA's ongoing initiative to improve the dental health of needy children by supporting countywide efforts to identify such children and to provide immediate as well as long-term dental services.

DATED: FEBRUARY 4, 2005

SUPERVISORS:

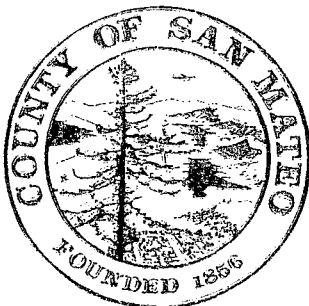
RICHARD S. GORDON, PRESIDENT

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Attest: Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors