

Proclamation

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2005

FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDERS AWARENESS DAY

WHEREAS, *one out of every 100 babies in the U.S. are born with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD), and;*

WHEREAS, *researchers in the U.S. first identified Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) as a birth disorder caused by alcohol consumption during pregnancy, and;*

WHEREAS, *government studies show that the rate of heavy drinking during pregnancy remains as high as ever, and;*

WHEREAS, *those born with FASD may suffer from mental retardation, serious behavioral problems, be prone to getting into trouble with the law, have substance abuse problems, have difficulty achieving professional successes and trouble with independent living, and;*

WHEREAS, *FASD is entirely preventable with education and appropriate allocation of resources;*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County declares September 9th, 2005 "**Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Day**" and wishes all its supporters the best in battling this terrible affliction.

DATED: SEPTEMBER 9, 2005

SUPERVISORS:


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