

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA PROCLAIMING
September 26th-October 2nd, 2010

SEA OTTER AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS, the sea otter is a symbol of wilderness, an integral part of California's natural ecosystem, and serves as an indicator for the overall health of California's near shore marine ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, a growing awareness of the benefits of maintaining the health of the near shore marine ecosystem has raised public interest in the sea otter; and

WHEREAS, disease from a variety of sources, including land-based biological pathogens, accounts for approximately 40% of the mortality for California sea otters in a given year; and

WHEREAS, the survival of the sea otter in California remains dependent upon continued public support and increased understanding of the essential role sea otters play in nature, as well as along the San Mateo County Coastline; and

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Parks Department provides educational outreach to our residents and visitors through interpretive programs at Fitzgerald Marine Reserve that enhance our understanding of the important role sea otters play in our marine environment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates September 26th-October 2nd, 2010 as "SEA OTTER AWARENESS WEEK."

Dated: August 24, 2010

SUPERVISORS:

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