

RESOLUTION _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELMONT
DECLARING APRIL 25 THROUGH MAY 1, 2005 WEST NILE VIRUS AND
MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL AWARENESS WEEK**

WHEREAS, in 2004 West Nile Virus killed 27 people in California and sickened over 800 individuals; and,

WHEREAS, the State Department of Health Services and the Centers for Disease Control predict West Nile Virus poses a grave public health threat in California in 2005, particularly in the Central Valley and Northern California; and

WHEREAS, adequately funded mosquito and vector control, disease surveillance and public awareness programs are the best way to prevent outbreaks of West Nile virus and other diseases borne by mosquitoes and other vectors; and

WHEREAS, mosquitoes that are commonly found within California are known vectors of the West Nile virus, which has struck with deadly force throughout the United States in recent years; and

WHEREAS, educational programs have been developed to include schools, civic groups, private industry, and government agencies, in order to meet the public’s need for information about West Nile virus, other diseases and mosquito and vector biology and control; and

WHEREAS, “West Nile Virus and Mosquito and Vector Control Awareness Week” will increase the public’s awareness of the threat of West Nile virus and other diseases and the activities of the various mosquito and vector research and control agencies working to minimize the health threat within California, and will highlight the educational programs currently available; and

WHEREAS, San Mateo County Mosquito Abatement District works with mosquito and vector control districts throughout California, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, and the State Department of Health Services to reduce pesticide risks to humans, animals, and the environment while protecting human health from mosquito and vector-borne diseases and nuisance attacks; and

WHEREAS, The Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California has designated the week of April 25 through May 1, 2005, as “West Nile Virus and Mosquito and Vector Control Awareness Week “ in the State of California.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Belmont designate the week of April 25 through May 1, 2005, as West Nile Virus and Mosquito and Vector Control Awareness Week in Belmont.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Belmont at a regular meeting thereof held on April 12, 2005, by the following vote:

AYES, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

NOES, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

ABSTAIN, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

ABSENT, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

CLERK of the City of Belmont

APPROVED:

MAYOR of the City of Belmont