PROCLAMATION
CITY OF SAN MATEO

Whereas, the people of the City of San Mateo represent our greatest resources; and

Whereas, the prosperity and stability of our community are significantly affected by every person's ability to read, write, and communicate effectively; and

Whereas, the ability to read, write, and communicate effectively affects each individual's ability to participate fully in the social, political, and economic life of our City; and

Whereas, Project Read-San Mateo is not simply a service, but a life altering program; and

Whereas the San Mateo Public Library has utilized the services of talented literacy professionals as well as volunteer literacy tutors since 1985 to help adults achieve their literacy goals by offering a variety of free literacy education; and

Whereas Project Read-San Mateo works cooperatively with the San Mateo Adult School, Project 90, Inc., Samaritan House, College of San Mateo and Turnbull Early Learning Center to provide educational opportunities; and

Whereas, the Library's adult literacy program trains volunteer tutors from San Mateo, Burlingame, and Hillsborough to provide literacy instruction to adults and to teach adult literacy students to read to their children and support them in their formal education; and

Whereas, the students of Project Read are more able to carry out their responsibilities as family members, workers, and community members;

Whereas, in the 25 years of the program, Project Read-San Mateo's 1800 tutors have helped 2000 students reach their reading, writing and communication goals,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Lee, Mayor of the City of San Mateo, and on behalf of the City Council, and in celebration of Project Read-San Mateo's remarkable 25 years of service, do hereby proclaim October as:

LITERACY AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of San Mateo and remind all San Mateans, in the words of the UNESCO Director-General, of the "vast potential of education and literacy, a potential that, when fully exploited, can literally remake the world."

Dated: October 18, 2010

John Lee
Mayor