

PROCLAMATION

*A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BRISBANE DECLARING
APRIL 26 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2010 MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL
AWARENESS WEEK*

WHEREAS, the City of Brisbane recognizes that West Nile Virus – a virulent and potentially deadly form of encephalitis – poses a grave threat to the health and safety of all Californians as early as this spring and for the foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, West Nile virus resulted in four deaths in California and 105 individuals from 19 counties tested positive for the virus; and

WHEREAS, The State Department of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention predict West Nile virus will again pose a grave public health threat in California in 2010; and

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

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

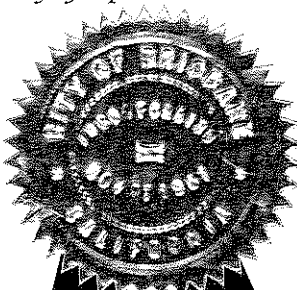
WHEREAS, public awareness can result in reduced production of mosquitoes and other vectors on private, commercial, and public lands by responsible parties, avoidance of the bites of mosquitoes and other vectors when the risk of West Nile Virus and other disease transmission is high, detection of human cases of mosquito and vector-borne diseases that may be otherwise misdiagnosed for lack of appropriate laboratory testing, and the formation of mosquito or vector control agencies where needed; 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 programs currently available; and

WHEREAS, The Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California has designated the week of April 26 through April 30, 2010, as "West Nile Virus and Mosquito and Vector Control Awareness Week," in the State of California; now

THEREFORE, be it Resolved by the Brisbane City Council that the week of April 26 through April 30, 2010, be designated as West Nile Virus and Mosquito and Vector Control Awareness Week in the City of Brisbane.

Dated this 5th day of April, 2010.



W. Clarke Conway, Mayor