



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: September 17, 2024

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

4/5 Vote Required

**Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County Of Sonoma, State Of California,
Recognizing September 17, 2024, as National Voter Registration Day**

Whereas, California’s Secretary of State, the State’s chief elections official, is committed to strengthening democracy by encouraging voter registration and increasing participation in all elections; and

Whereas, the County of Sonoma actively supports this objective; and

Whereas, civic-minded people and organizations have come together to establish a Tuesday in each September as National Voter Registration Day, with the goal of creating awareness of voter registration opportunities; and

Whereas, California and Sonoma County have made excellent progress in removing obstacles to registration by implementing online voter registration (2012), preregistration for 16 and 17 year-olds (2014, 2009), conditional voter registration (a.k.a. “same-day registration”) (2017), and automatic voter registration at the Department of Motor Vehicles (2018); and

Whereas, despite these efforts, many Sonoma County residents remain unregistered or unaware that they need to reregister when they change their name, residence address, or political party affiliation; and

Whereas, the strength of our democracy depends on the willingness of its citizens to participate by choosing the people who will lead them and by voicing their opinions on matters that come before them on Election Day;

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Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize September 17, 2024, as National Voter Registration Day, and encourages all eligible residents of Sonoma County who are not already registered to do so.

Supervisors:

Gorin:

Coursey:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Rabbitt:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.