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☐ 4/5 Vote Required

Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California, acknowledging the 30th anniversary of the Redwood Children's Center.

Whereas, the County of Sonoma recognizes the significant impact that the Redwood Children's Center (RCC) has had on the healing of children and families in our community for 30 years; and

Whereas, the RCC opened on August 16, 1994 and is a Child Advocacy Center that serves as the coordination hub for investigation and intervention services for child victims of sexual and physical abuse;

Whereas, the RCC became accredited by the National Children's Alliance in January of 1998; and

Whereas, the RCC employs highly trained forensic interview professionals, able to provide specialized services to promote secure environments for children and families to seek support and services to reduce effects of trauma and provide tools to support healing; and

Whereas, the RCC established a commercial sexual exploitation of children direct services committee in 2019 to support children and families experiencing exploitation to find ways to report abuse and seek help; and

Whereas, program staff are able to work collaboratively with a multi-disciplinary team of partners within the Family Justice Center including law enforcement agencies, the District

Attorney's Office, Verity, the Department of Health Services, Santa Rosa Community Health, Transitioning Families and Dr. Rebecca Bailey, Life Works, the Young Woman's Christian Association of Sonoma County and others; and

Whereas, the multi-disciplinary team approach is considered best practice and imperative to provide coordinated and focused effort to address violent crimes against children.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors acknowledges the 30th anniversary of the Redwood Children's Center.

Supervisors:

Gorin: Coursey: Gore: Hopkins: Rabbitt:

Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

So Ordered.