



# County of Sonoma

## State of California

Date: February 10, 2026

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☐ 4/5 Vote Required

### **Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California, Proclaiming February 2026 as Children's Dental Health Month in Sonoma County**

**Whereas,** National Children's Dental Health Month is observed each February as a month-long national health observance dedicated to promoting the benefits of good oral health to children, their caregivers, educators, and communities;

**Whereas,** tooth decay is the most chronic yet preventable health care need among California's children, and untreated dental disease can lead to pain, infection, missed school days, and diminished academic success; and

**Whereas,** the Sonoma County Kindergarten Oral Health Assessment (KOHA) collects on children enrolled for the first time in kindergarten and transitional kindergarten (TK) in a public schools, and 2024-2025 school year data show 19 percent of Sonoma County kindergarteners experience untreated tooth decay, and half of Sonoma County children (1-18 years old) with Medi-Cal insurance received at least one dental visit in the past 12 months (2023), both factors indicate a persistent need for prevention and access to care; and

**Whereas,** Sonoma County Department of Health Services is implementing strategies outlined in the California Oral Health Plan by convening, coordinating, and collaborating to support planning, disease prevention, surveillance, education, and community-clinical linkages to treatment programs; and

**Whereas,** Sonoma County Dental Health Network works to improve the oral health of

young children in Sonoma County, with a focus on reducing disparities for those most disproportionately affected by oral health inequities;

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved** that the Board of Supervisors, joining in this national observance to raise awareness about the life-long importance of dental health for children to enable their optimal social, intellectual, and emotional development, does hereby proclaim February 2026 as Children's Dental Health Month in Sonoma County.

**Supervisors:**

Rabbitt:                      Coursey:                      Gore:                      Hopkins:                      Hermosillo:

Ayes:                      Noes:                      Absent:                      Abstain:

**So Ordered.**