



County of Sonoma

State of California

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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

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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.