



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: August 4, 2026

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Resolution Number: _____

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**Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California,
Proclaiming August 2026 As Emergency Management Awareness Month In Sonoma County.**

Whereas, emergency management is a critical discipline that ensures communities are prepared to respond to and recover from emergencies and disasters by coordinating systems, resources, and strategies that protect lives, property, and the environment; and

Whereas, the Sonoma County Department of Emergency Management, established in 2019 following the historic 2017 wildfires, has coordinated the County's response to more than 14 locally proclaimed emergencies and six federally declared disasters while leading efforts to build a more resilient community through collaboration, innovation, and public service; and

Whereas, the Department of Emergency Management is organized into key functional divisions including Emergency Coordination and Operations, Alert & Warning, Community Preparedness, Administration and Grants, and Hazard Mitigation and Recovery, each of which plays a vital role in preparing for, responding to, and recovering from disasters; and

Whereas, in 2025, DEM responded to multiple significant incidents including winter storm flooding along the Russian River, a tsunami threat triggered by an offshore earthquake near Kamchatka, Russia, and a gas line rupture in Windsor requiring a Shelter-in-Place order, demonstrating the Department's capacity to deliver timely, reliable public alerts and coordinated field response under challenging conditions; and

Whereas, over the last year, DEM modernized the County's Emergency Operations Plan,

developed a new Recovery Operations Plan, led the update of the Sonoma County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan bringing together 22 jurisdictions to reduce long-term risk, and trained nearly 4,000 County Disaster Service Workers through enhanced coursework and functional exercises, strengthening the County's readiness across all levels of government; and

Whereas, a Department of Emergency Management Staff Duty Officer is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to monitor for incidents and to provide immediate response to a situation impacting the county; and

Whereas, the Department of Emergency Management works in collaboration with public safety agencies, public health, public works, schools, nonprofits, community and faith-based organizations, the private sector, and tribal and city governments to strengthen local capabilities and serve community members before, during, and after disasters; and

Whereas, National Emergency Management Awareness Month, as designated by the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM), aims to increase awareness of the emergency management profession and encourages emergency managers to engage with their communities, share their story, and highlight the critical systems and partnerships that help keep Sonoma County safe and resilient.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim August 2026 as Emergency Management Awareness Month and calls upon all community members, local jurisdictions, businesses, schools, and organizations to recognize, engage, and support the vital work of emergency management professionals across Sonoma County throughout the year.

Supervisors:

Rabbitt: Coursey: Gore: Hopkins: Hermosillo:

Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

So Ordered.