



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: November 5, 2024

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Resolution Number: _____

4/5 Vote Required

Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California,

Honoring and Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of First 5 Sonoma

Whereas, all children prenatal through 5 years of age have the opportunity to thrive in safe, nurturing relationships and communities necessary to achieve healthy development and enter school ready to learn; and

Whereas, during these critical years of development, there is a window of opportunity to shape how a child's brain matures and to lay the foundation for all the years that follow; and

Whereas, through continuing to foster the development of our community's children, we celebrate 25 years of First 5 Sonoma County's dedication and impact in early childhood; and

Whereas, over the last 25 years, First 5 Sonoma has invested over \$150M in three key focus areas to support every child in our county in reaching their full potential as a community funder, convener, advocate and leader; and

Whereas, through investing in coaching, professional development and network building for early learning teachers and providers, First 5 Sonoma ensures children have experiences that are trauma-informed and culturally responsive, ensuring they are ready to succeed in school and in life; and

Whereas, through investing in early relational health systems and supports, First 5 Sonoma ensures that new parents and caregivers have access to home visiting, lactation support, perinatal and developmental screening and early intervention services that foster optimal development; and

Whereas, through investing in family resources centers, neighborhood-based hubs and resource connection networks, First 5 Sonoma ensures that parents and caregivers get connected to services they need to

meet their families' holistic needs to foster their children's optimal development, health, and school readiness; and

Whereas, through investing in advocacy to expand access to childcare, affordable housing, health care and a just economy, First 5 Sonoma works to shift public policy, improve community conditions and increase resources that are essential to support optimal child development; and

Whereas, through building the capacity of providers countywide to provide parent education, First 5 Sonoma ensures that families can enhance their knowledge of child development and positive parenting practices that promote strong families; and

Whereas, through centering the values of diversity, inclusion, equity, belonging and anti-racism, First 5 Sonoma County engages the community, builds authentic partnerships and ensures that the voices of those at the margins are elevated.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors, hereby proclaim Sonoma County's commitment to children ages 0 to 5 and their families, celebrate the 25th Anniversary of First 5 Sonoma, and that together, we are building a more equitable future for our kids.

Supervisors:

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Ayes:	Noes:	Absent:	Abstain:	

So Ordered.