



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: October 8, 2024

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

4/5 Vote Required

Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California,

Proclaiming October as Children’s Environmental Health Month

Whereas, the aim of Children’s Environmental Health Month is to raise awareness about the importance of ensuring clean air and water, safe food and consumer products, and healthy environments during a child’s development and beyond; and

Whereas, environmental risks have an impact on the health and development of children, from conception through childhood and adolescence and also into adulthood. The environment determines a child’s future: early life exposures impact on adult health as fetal programming and early growth may be altered by environmental risk factors; and

Whereas, children are particularly vulnerable to certain environmental risks, including air pollution; inadequate water, sanitation and hygiene; hazardous chemicals and waste, radiation; climate change; as well as emerging threats like e-waste; and

Whereas, Children’s Environmental Health Day was created by the Children’s Environmental Health Network and celebrated nationally since October 13, 2016; and

Whereas, Children’s Environmental Health Month is a national and statewide effort supported by individuals, nonprofit organizations, and governmental agencies, and was first recognized by the California Legislature in 2019 with HR 123; and

Whereas, the United States Environmental Protection Agency also celebrates Children’s Health Month and the theme for 2024 is Growing Healthy, Growing Happy; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors recognizes October as Children’s Environmental Health Month and encourages individuals and organizations to raise awareness and understanding of children’s environmental health issues, seek improved environmental health policies and protections for children, and perform acts of sustainability or environmental health wellness.

Supervisors:

Gorin:

Rabbitt:

Coursey:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.