



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: November 7, 2023

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: 23-_____

4/5 Vote Required

**Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California,
Proclaiming November as Family Caregivers Month.**

Whereas, the Administration on Community Living, the National Council on Aging, the Caregiver Action Network, The National Alliance for Caregiving and Share the Care observe November 2023 as National Family Caregivers Month to recognize, honor and support the daily contributions of family caregivers; and

Whereas, nearly one in four households in Sonoma County are caring for a person age 50 or older and more than 53 million Americans provide personal assistance to adult family members or friends with a disability or chronic illness; and

Whereas, over 4,000 family caregivers are currently providing In-Home Supportive Services in Sonoma County to enable their loved ones to remain safely in the community; and

Whereas, Family Caregivers Month highlights the fact that most people who need care rely on family and friends for support; and

Whereas, family caregiving is the backbone of our long-term care system and it often comes with great personal sacrifice in terms of job and financial security, social life, and physical, mental and emotional health; and

Whereas, Sonoma County's caregivers are diverse in their characteristics and circumstances but share the common goal of enabling their family members or friends to stay

functioning and safe in the community whenever possible; and

Whereas, The Sonoma County Human Services Department, In-Home Supportive Services Public Authority and many other agencies in Sonoma County are committed to increasing awareness of caregivers' needs and continue to work to meet these needs; and

Whereas, to specifically recognize and honor the family caregivers of Sonoma County during the month of November.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors proclaims November 2023 as Family Caregivers Month.

Supervisors:

Gorin:

Rabbitt:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Coursey:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.