



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: February 6, 2024

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

4/5 Vote Required

**Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma,
State Of California,
Recognizing February 2024 As Speed Safety Awareness Month.**

Whereas, the safety of our roads and communities is of utmost importance, and excessive speed contributes significantly to traffic crashes, injuries, and fatalities; and

Whereas, the Sonoma County Vision Zero Advisory Committee, comprised of local jurisdictions, law enforcement agencies and community partners, is committed to achieving zero traffic fatalities and severe injuries on county roads by 2030; and

Whereas, the Vision Zero Action Plan includes a goal to create safer speeds; and

Whereas, data from the Sonoma County Vision Zero Data Dashboard demonstrate that speed-related crashes account for a considerable portion of traffic fatalities annually, endangering lives and causing irreparable harm to families and communities; and

Whereas, speeding not only increases the likelihood of crashes but also magnifies the severity of injuries sustained in these incidents; and

Whereas, studies show that reducing speed by just 5 mph can significantly decrease the probability of fatal crashes and mitigate the impact of crashes on road users; and

Whereas, excessive speed not only endangers the driver but also poses a serious risk to pedestrians, cyclists, and other motorists sharing the road; and

Whereas, the commitment to road safety necessitates a collective effort involving traffic calming infrastructure, reducing speed limits where possible, and enforcement to eliminate dangerous speeds on our roadways; and

Whereas, advancements in speed regulator technology, including but not limited to intelligent speed adaptation systems and speed limiters, offer promising avenues for enhancing

road safety by assisting drivers in adhering to prescribed speed limits and mitigating the risks associated with excessive speeding; and

Whereas, the recent implementation of AB 43 grants counties within California the increased autonomy and discretion to set lower speed limits where warranted by local road conditions, population density, pedestrian activity, and other pertinent factors, enabling tailored approaches to ensure the safety of all road users within the diverse and varied landscapes of our county.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma acknowledges the perils associated with excessive speed on our roadways and hereby designates February as Speed Safety Awareness Month. We pledge our commitment to promoting safe driving practices, educating our citizens on the hazards of speeding, and striving to create safer roads for all residents and visitors to Sonoma County.

Supervisors:

Gorin:

Coursey:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Coursey:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.