



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: October 8, 2019

Item Number: _____

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4/5 Vote Required

**Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California,
To Encourage The City Of Vologda and Greater Vologda Region
To Submit A Request As A Sister City**

Whereas, Santa Rosa and Sonoma County have been hosts to many Russians throughout the county's history beginning with the Russian American Company at Fort Ross; and

Whereas, Fort Ross, also known as Colony Ross, was the first enterprise and business in what is now Sonoma County; and

Whereas, historically and presently, Fort Ross has been a perpetual center of diversity and partnerships between Russians, Alaskans, Creoles, Kashayas, and Coast Miwok; and

Whereas, In 2012 in celebration of the bicentennial of Fort Ross, a delegation from Sonoma County traveled to Russia and visited the city of Vologda located near the birthplace of Ivan Kuskov, the founder of Fort Ross; and

Whereas, In 2013, the Governor of Vologda visited the Sonoma County Museum and Fort Ross and acknowledged a shared connection between Vologda and Santa Rosa with Fort Ross; and

Whereas, like Santa Rosa, Vologda has a rich history, standing as the region's cultural center, a reputation as an alluring tourist destination, and residents who feel proud of their city; and

Whereas, Vologda is interested in exploring a Sister City relationship with the County of Sonoma.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma wish to acknowledge and celebrate the shared appreciation by the County of Sonoma and Vologda for the different cultures, countries and peoples represented through the historical and present day importance of Fort Ross and encourage the City of Vologda and Greater Vologda Region to submit a request in accordance with the Sister City Program.

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Supervisors:

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Zane:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Rabbitt:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.