



# County of Sonoma

## State of California

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Date: April 16, 2024

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**Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California,  
Declaring April 2024 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Sonoma County and raising the  
Children’s Memorial Flag at the County Center on April 26, 2024.**

**Whereas**, in 2023, Sonoma County had 1,596 reports of child abuse that were serious enough to require an in-person investigation and 138 children were separated from homes determined to be unsafe; and

**Whereas**, we recognize that the Covid-19 pandemic has impacted families financially, emotionally and socially; and

**Whereas**, effective engagement in prevention and early intervention, along with the five protective factors (social and emotional competence of children, knowledge of child development, parental resilience, social connections, and concrete support in times of need), lowers the incidents of child abuse in our community; and

**Whereas**, Sonoma County Human Services is leading a community wide planning effort to improve approaches and strengthen child abuse prevention efforts; and

**Whereas**, every community member has a role to play in ending child abuse, and Human Services, District Attorney, Probation, Health Services, Sheriff, Sonoma County Office of Education and community-based organizations have joined together in recognizing and supporting education, prevention and treatment efforts for all forms of child abuse; and

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved** that the Board of Supervisors of Sonoma County does

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hereby declare April 2024 as Child Abuse Prevention Month and directs the raising of the Children's Memorial Flag at the County Center on April 26, 2024.

**Supervisors:**

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Ayes:

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