



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: December 9, 2025

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

Recognizing Career Technical Education Foundation Of Sonoma County And Sonoma County Office Of Education For Founding And Launching *Path To Purpose*

Whereas, students who engage in high-quality, career-connected learning opportunities such as internships report higher levels of academic success, increased engagement, and enhanced social, emotional, and career readiness; and

Whereas, Career Technical Education Foundation and Sonoma County Office of Education have launched *Path to Purpose*, a groundbreaking countywide internship program in Sonoma County, designed to expand access to real-world, career-connected learning experiences for all high school students, with an emphasis on equity and opportunity; and

Whereas, *Path to Purpose* bridges education, industry, and community by connecting students with local employers, aligning experiences with regional workforce needs, and providing pathways to living-wage careers, as outlined in the Sonoma County Economic Development Collaborative's 3.0 Action Plan; and

Whereas, these internships provide students with meaningful exposure to in-demand fields such as STEM, agriculture, healthcare, green economy, advanced manufacturing, and information technology, while also equipping employers with a pipeline of talented, motivated young people; and

Whereas, the creation of *Path to Purpose* reflects Career Technical Education Foundation's and Sonoma County Office of Education's leadership in building innovative partnerships with school districts, industry leaders, and community organizations to ensure all students, regardless of background, have equitable access to career-connected learning; and

Whereas, career-connected internship programs such as *Path to Purpose* are among the most effective tools to empower students to make informed decisions about their futures, close equity gaps, and strengthen the local workforce.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes Career Technical Education Foundation of Sonoma County and the Sonoma County Office of Education for its creation of *Path to Purpose*, the first countywide internship program for Sonoma County students, a transformative initiative ensuring young people across our community can discover, prepare for, and pursue their purpose.

Supervisors:

Hermosillo:

Coursey:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Rabbitt:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.