



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: April 14, 2026

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

4/5 Vote Required

**Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California,
Declaring April 2026 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Sonoma County and Raising the
Children’s Memorial Flag at the County Center on April 24, 2026.**

Whereas, in 2025, the Sonoma County Human Services Department Family, Youth and Children’s Services division received 1,665 reports of child abuse that were serious enough to require an in-person investigation, had to separate 103 children from homes determined to be unsafe, and had responsibility for over 400 children in foster care; and

Whereas, every community member can play a role in reducing the incidence of child abuse in our community and supporting children in foster care; and

Whereas, the Human Services Department, Sonoma County Child Abuse Prevention Council, and other community leaders continue to work together to recognize, expand and support education, prevention and evidence-based treatment efforts for all forms of child abuse; and

Whereas, over 150 individuals, including parents and youth with lived experience of child welfare services, representatives from county departments, community-based organizations, and leaders from local tribes worked together to create a five year plan to reduce racial disparity in our child welfare system, increase equity and reduce the incidence of child abuse in Sonoma County by working with families to become strengthened and stabilized; and

Whereas, Family, Youth and Children’s Services engaged community partners in 392 Child and Family Team meetings to individualize and coordinate supportive services for families with a child welfare case, and over 100 parents with child welfare cases received support from a professional parent mentor with lived experience who successfully completed their child welfare case;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Supervisors of Sonoma County does hereby declare April 2026 as Child Abuse Prevention Month and directs the raising of the Children’s Memorial Flag at the County Center on April 24, 2026.

Supervisors:

Rabbitt: Coursey: Gore: Hopkins: Hermosillo:

Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

So Ordered.