



# County of Sonoma

## State of California

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**Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California,  
Honoring And Acknowledging The Critical Work Of Positive Images, LGBTQ Connection, And  
Amor Para Todos.**

**Whereas**, transgender and gender-expansive individuals have long been an integral part of the diverse and rich tapestry of Sonoma County, contributing immeasurably to our culture, our movements for justice, and our shared humanity; and

**Whereas**, the transgender community embodies values of resilience, authenticity, and the power of self-determination—values that strengthen the LGBTQIA2S+ community and uplift society as a whole; and

**Whereas**, trans joy is an act of defiance in a world that too often seeks to erase it, and through their vibrant artistry, cultural contributions, and their everyday acts of courage to live authentically, transgender people remind us of the beauty found in truth and self-expression. Transness is not a burden—it is a source of deep wisdom, strength, and liberation for all; and

**Whereas**, despite these immense strengths and contributions, transgender individuals in Sonoma County and beyond continue to face disproportionate rates of discrimination, violence, and systemic barriers, particularly in areas of healthcare, housing, economic stability, and employment; and

**Whereas**, rising anti-trans rhetoric and legislation across the country has created an atmosphere of fear, isolation, and mental health challenges for trans youth and adults alike;

and

**Whereas**, more than half of transgender and nonbinary youth in the U.S. have seriously considered suicide in the last year and many gender-diverse residents in Sonoma County struggle to find affirming healthcare providers and mental health services that understand their specific needs; and

**Whereas**, the Sonoma County LGBTQIA2S+ Needs Assessment report reveals that gender-diverse individuals, especially trans people of color, face more significant barriers to living wages, access to mental health care, and safe housing than their cisgender peers, with 38.8% of gender diverse respondents reporting poor access to a living wage, compared to 30.3% of cisgender respondents, 24.5% of gender diverse respondents reporting poor access to mental health care, compared to 21.2% of cisgender respondents, and 19.2% of gender diverse respondents reporting poor access to safe housing, compared to 13.2% of cisgender respondents; and

**Whereas**, Positive Images, LGBTQ Connection, and Amor Para Todos continue to be vital partners in advancing the rights and well-being of transgender and nonbinary individuals in Sonoma County, providing essential services that address the unique challenges faced by the trans community; and

**Whereas**, Positive Images, LGBTQ Connection, and Amor Para Todos have an unwavering dedication to the transgender and nonbinary community, providing critical services, peer support, mental health resources, and advocacy for safer, more inclusive schools and workplaces. Their ongoing efforts play a central role in fostering a more equitable and just society for all; and

**Whereas**, the County of Sonoma is committed to advancing policies that ensure equity, dignity, and inclusivity for all, and recognizes the urgent need for policy and structural support to protect the rights and well-being of transgender residents.

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved** that the Board of Supervisors of Sonoma County formally recognize and celebrate the beauty, strength, and resilience of the transgender and

gender-expansive community and honor the critical work of Positive Images, LGBTQ Connection, and Amor Para Todos.

**Be It Further Resolved** that the Board of Supervisors acknowledges the systemic challenges faced by transgender residents, including discrimination, violence, and barriers to essential services, and commits to addressing inequities through meaningful policy changes and community-driven initiatives that support the well-being and inclusion of all gender identities.

**Be It Further Resolved** that the Board of Supervisors commits to supporting and promoting policies that expand access to gender-affirming healthcare, protect LGBTQIA2S+ individuals from discrimination in housing and employment, and support the ongoing work of organizations that serve the trans community.

**Be It Further Resolved** that the Board of Supervisors will seek to partner with Positive Images, LGBTQ Connection, and Amor Para Todos, as well as others in the community to ensure that transgender and nonbinary individuals in Sonoma County have the resources, protection, and opportunities they need to thrive.

**Be It Further Resolved** that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors stand in solidarity with the transgender community. This resolution is not only a recognition of the beauty, strength, and resilience of the transgender community, but also a step toward creating a more inclusive, equitable, and supportive environment for all residents of Sonoma County.

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**Supervisors:**

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Coursey:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Rabbitt:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

**So Ordered.**