



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: March 21, 2023

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

☐ 4/5 Vote Required

Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California, Proclaiming the Month of March 2023 to be Family Justice Center Month in Sonoma County

Whereas, One in three women and one in four men experience sexual violence, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner.

Whereas, Abuse, including neglect and exploitation, is experienced by about 1 in 10 people aged 60 and older who live at home; and

Whereas, The economic costs of intimate partner violence in the US is \$8.5 billion each year including emergency response, medical expenses, and lost work productivity; and

Whereas, Victimization and perpetration of sexual and domestic violence often connects to unmitigated childhood trauma and adult polyvictimization, numerous types of victimization over a lifetime, and produces short- and long-term physical and mental health consequences; and

Whereas, The purpose of the Family Justice Center Sonoma County is to advocate for the victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, elder abuse, and child abuse in the County of Sonoma, and to actively work toward the prevention of those crimes, while supporting survivors with essential intervention services; and

Whereas, The Family Justice Center Sonoma County provides a network of collaborative, co-located partners, including advocates, mental health specialists, law enforcement, prosecutors, and other professionals to provide trauma-informed, coordinated,

wraparound services for more than 2,000 adult and child family violence survivors each year;
and

Whereas, The Family Justice Center Sonoma County seeks to ensure that victims of abuse are able to access all needed services in one location in order to enhance safety increase offender accountability; and

Whereas, The Board of Supervisors recognizes the ongoing efforts of the District Attorney's Office, Sonoma County Sheriff's Office, Department of Health Services, Human Services Department, Sonoma County Courts, Santa Rosa Police Department, YWCA Sonoma County, Verity, Inter-Tribal Council, Council on Aging, Legal Aid, Ruthless Kindness, Catholic Charities, Probation Department, and other law enforcement agencies, County departments, and community groups for working together to end the cycle of domestic violence, sexual assault, and elder abuse and improve services for victims.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Supervisors, in recognition of Family Justice Center Sonoma County's effort to address interpersonal and family violence within the community, hereby proclaims March 2023 to be Family Justice Center Month in Sonoma County.

Supervisors:

Gorin:

Rabbitt:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Coursey:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.