County of Sonoma
State of California

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Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California, Proclaiming May 10 – 17, 2019 as Affordable Housing Week

Whereas, affordable housing helps allow our communities to thrive when all families have a place to call home, yet each year thousands of Sonoma County families struggle to find an affordable home in one of the most expensive housing markets in the nation; and

Whereas, in Sonoma County, 78,567 households – or 41 percent of total households – spend more than 30 percent of their income on housing costs, making Sonoma County the Bay Area community with the highest percentage of cost-burdened households; and

Whereas, the Hispanic community accounts for 48 percent of the cost-burdened households and only 39 percent of the Hispanic community are homeowners, indicating continued disparities in access to housing for this important segment of our county; and

Whereas, affordable housing near employment centers and transit reduces traffic congestion, air pollution, and emissions, and lowers housing and transportation costs for local workers; and

Whereas, organizations throughout the County are committed to safe, stable, and affordable housing for all its residents and the strength of the community and economy depends on providing access to housing options that allow current and future residents of all income levels and ethnicities to live where they work; and

Whereas, these organizations and the County of Sonoma are collaboratively working to bring the need for affordable housing to the forefront of discussion in Sonoma County through the sharing of best practices, opportunities and finding solutions to provide affordable housing.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors proclaims May 10 – 17, 2019, as Affordable Housing Week.

Supervisors:

Gorin: Zane: Gore: Hopkins: Rabbitt:

 Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

So Ordered.