



# 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 February 2020 as Children’s Dental Health Month in Sonoma County**

**Whereas**, National Children’s Dental Health Month is held every February as a month-long national health observance to promote the benefits of good oral health to children, their caregivers, teachers, and many others;

**Whereas**, the 2019 Sonoma County Smile Survey found that although the percent of students with decay experience decreased significantly from 2009, when the first survey was performed, significant disparities continue, with lower income and Latino students twice as likely to be affected by dental disease, a consequence of social determinants of health;

**Whereas**, Sonoma County Department of Health Services, together with local clinics, Santa Rosa Junior College, PDI Surgery Center, and other community partners, are completing year 4 of the \$4.1 million Cavity-Free Sonoma pilot project, awarded by the California Department of Health Care Services, to improve the oral health of Medi-Cal eligible children 0-6 years of age by employing innovative strategies;

**Whereas**, Sonoma County Department of Health Services was awarded \$1.14 million over 5 years (\$228,166 annually) to implement selected strategies outlined in the California Oral Health Plan and to make progress toward achieving the California Oral Health Plan’s goals and objectives by convening, coordinating, and collaborating to support planning, disease prevention, surveillance, education, and linkage to treatment programs; and

**Whereas**, Sonoma County Dental Health Network has completed the first Sonoma County Dental Health Strategic Plan to achieve the goal of 75% cavity-free kindergarteners by 2020 to help children get a good start on a lifetime of healthy teeth and gums.

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved** the Board of Supervisors, joining in this national observance to raise awareness about the life-long importance of dental health for children to enable their optimal social, intellectual, and emotional development, does hereby proclaim February 2020 as Children’s Dental Health Month in Sonoma County.

**Supervisors:**

Rabbitt:            Zane:            Gore:            Hopkins:            Gorin:  
  
Ayes:            Noes:            Absent:            Abstain:

**So Ordered.**