



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: April 20, 2021

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

☐ 4/5 Vote Required

**Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County Of Sonoma, State of California,
Declaring April 2021 As
Child Abuse Prevention Month in Sonoma County.**

Whereas, in 2020, Sonoma County had 1,719 reports of child abuse that were serious enough to require an in-person investigation to determine if allegations of child abuse were substantiated, and 209 children were removed from unsafe and abusive homes; and

Whereas, especially given the COVID pandemic and environmental stressors, families are stressed and child abuse has serious impacts on both individuals and the community; and

Whereas, effective engagement in prevention and early intervention are the most effective ways to stop child abuse and keep families safely intact; and

Whereas, Sonoma County Human Services, District Attorney, Probation, Health Services, Sheriff's office, Sonoma County Office of Education, and community-based organizations have joined together in recognizing and supporting education, prevention and treatment efforts for all forms of child abuse; and

Whereas, every community member has a role to play in ending abuse;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Supervisors of Sonoma County does hereby declare April 2021 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Sonoma County.

Supervisors:

Gorin:

Rabbitt:

Coursey:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.