



# County of Sonoma

## State of California

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Resolution Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SONOMA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF ANOVA CENTER FOR EDUCATION (ANOVA).**

**Whereas,** for 20 years, ANOVA has been providing innovative educational and therapy services to children and adults with autism spectrum disorders, learning disabilities, emotional disturbance, and other neurodevelopmental impairments; and

**Whereas,** ANOVA was founded on the belief that all children deserve the opportunity to learn and will succeed when provided with the proper learning environment. That children living with autism require direct instruction in social and behavioral skills in order to receive educational benefit; and

**Whereas,** ANOVA's services in school, community, and home environments allow individuals to function more independently, engage in meaningful relationships with others, and lead an improved quality of life; and

**Whereas,** Whereas, over 200 students receive daily services on ANOVA's two campuses, serving 15 counties across the state and over 5,000 families since 2000; and

**Whereas,** the core practice is to provide elementary, middle, and high school students with a comprehensive and supportive learning environment combined with highly individualized academic, social, and communication-based programs. This unique integration of diagnostic and therapy services into academic instruction provides the holistic approach to

education the students need to learn and grow; and

**Whereas,** ANOVA's two K-12 ACE Schools are the only specialized programs in Northern California to serve children and teens with high functioning autism and related social, emotional and behavioral challenges; and

**Whereas,** ANOVA's schools are based on California Department of Education Curriculum Frameworks, with customized educational plans tailored to meet the specific needs of each student. This curriculum is implemented by a superior team of teachers, behavior analysts, and therapists who work in concert to enable each child to realize his or her full potential; and

**Whereas,** ANOVA's continuum of services creates a powerful "ripple effect", positively impacting those living with and without autism in Sonoma County. ANOVA develops students into independent members of our workforce and provides parents a mental health respite and the ongoing ability to work outside of the home. ANOVA gives back to the community a cadre of people who now can contribute to the local economy and the culture of Sonoma County in meaningful ways.

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma congratulates Anova Center for Education on its longstanding programs and services to meet the needs of those with autism spectrum disorders in Sonoma County and beyond over the past 20 years.

**Supervisors:**

Gore:                      Rabbitt                      Coursey:                      Gore:                      Hopkins:

Ayes:                      Noes:                      Absent:                      Abstain:

**So Ordered.**