



County of Sonoma
State of California

Date: June 9, 2020

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Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California, in Support Of The
Sonoma County United In Kindness Campaign

Whereas, we recognize that kindness is at the core of what it means to be human; and

Whereas, we acknowledge that positive relationships are grounded in kindness; and

Whereas, we believe all of us benefit from living in a community in which kindness is a guiding principle; and

Whereas, we are proud that our half-million Sonoma County neighbors come from diverse backgrounds, beliefs, and traditions in pursuit of joyful and healthful living; and

Whereas, we believe that freedom from hateful speech, bullying, discrimination, and violence is a human right; and

Whereas, we believe children and youth require a place to grow and learn in peace and safety, guided in kindness and caring; and

Whereas, research shows that social and emotional skills, including kindness, can be taught and learned, that children benefit from these lessons, and that children who participate in school programs designed to teach social and emotional skills improve their behavior toward others, have better academic performance, and show improved social-emotional awareness; and

Whereas, we understand that schools with hostile cultures, where kids feel threatened and distracted, make learning more difficult; and

Whereas, the United In Kindness Campaign actively works with Sonoma County schools to promote sustainable, self-guided discussions on inclusiveness, respect for others, anti-bullying, and daily acts of kindness with students; and

Whereas, in order to sustain the resilience, health, and safety of all Sonoma County residents, we affirm trust in a social fabric that promotes and encourages, acts of kindness and that disallows harm to individuals and groups based on ability, age, appearance, ethnicity, gender identity, language, race, religion, sexual orientation, and socio-economic position; and

Whereas, over 1500 individual Sonoma County residents have signed the United In Kindness Declaration of Unity (attached hereto); and

Whereas, 38 Sonoma County organizations, secular and non-secular, have endorsed the United In Kindness Declaration of Unity.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma hereby endorses the United In Kindness Campaign.

Be It Further Resolved that the Board of Supervisors, through public announcements, written materials, and online social media, encourages all Sonoma County residents to find ways to foster and sustain acts of kindness throughout the community, in their daily life and activities.

Be It Further Resolved that the Board of Supervisors encourages our leaders in education, government, business, health, and faith to build, affirm, and promote, through education and initiatives in their areas of influence, a County that promotes kindness and honors human rights.

Be It Further Resolved that, as an example to the people of Sonoma County, the Board of Supervisors will strive to engender and cultivate kindness in conducting the business of the Board.

Supervisors

Rabbitt: Zane: Gore: Hopkins: Gorin:

Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

So Ordered.