



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, in 2017, 7,429 reports of child abuse or neglect were made to Family, Youth and Children's Services. Of these, 1,914 reports of child abuse were serious enough to require a face-to-face investigation and 238 children were removed from unsafe and abusive homes in Sonoma County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sonoma County Blue Ribbon Campaign, sponsored by Prevent Child Abuse Sonoma County and the Child Parent Institute, will focus on educating all of us on the issues and magnitude of the problem; and

**WHEREAS**, Sonoma County's Department of Human Services, Sheriff's Department and the District Attorney's Office have joined in recognizing and supporting the education, prevention, treatment, and need to cease all forms of child abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, each year public and private agencies throughout Sonoma County and the State of California sponsor child abuse prevention activities during the month of April to increase community awareness about issues of child abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, child abuse prevention and support will continue year-round; and

**WHEREAS**, working together we can make a difference for all of the children in our city.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Chris Coursey, Mayor of the City of Santa Rosa, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2018 as

### CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH



  
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Mayor Chris Coursey  
April 3, 2018