



Proclamation

WHEREAS, in 2015, there were 6,105 reports of child abuse or neglect made to Family, Youth and Children's Services. Of these, 1,797 reports of child abuse were serious enough to require a face-to-face investigation, and 181 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 the 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, I, John Sawyer, Mayor of the City of Santa Rosa, on behalf of the entire City Council, proclaim the month of April 2016 as

CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH



Mayor John Sawyer
April 15, 2016