



## *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, the Fourth Friday in April is recognized as Children's Memorial Flag Day throughout Sonoma County in memory of children who have died by violence; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout America, tragic cases of violence against children occur frequently and senselessly, destroy innocent lives and devastate families; and

**WHEREAS**, the people of the City of Santa Rosa believe in the celebration of life, diversity and hope for the future through our children, and deplore and condemn acts of violence committed upon the children of our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, MOVES (Minimizing Occurrences of Violence in Everyday Society) and the Sonoma County Human Services Department are committed to raising individual and public consciousness of the need to care for all our children and to honor young lives lost; and

**WHEREAS**, MOVES has acquired a Children's Memorial Flag from the Child Welfare League of America, which has become a recognizable symbol of the need to do a better job of protecting children, and which is sponsoring a national effort to memorialize child victims, and which has been adopted in other California communities; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Tom Schwedhelm, Mayor of the City of Santa Rosa, on behalf of the entire City Council, in memory of children who have died by violence, do hereby proclaim the Fourth Friday in April as

### **CHILDREN'S MEMORIAL DAY**

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Mayor Tom Schwedhelm  
April 30, 2019