

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the fourth Friday in April is known 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, Sonoma County has had violent, preventable child deaths by guns, knives, bats, automobiles, physical abuse, and suicide; 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, the Board of 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, the Sonoma County Regional Parks Foundation is building the Children's Memorial Grove at Spring Lake Park dedicated to the memory of Sonoma County's children who have passed away; 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 protecting children, and which is sponsoring a national effort to memorialize child victims, and which has been adopted in other California communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, I, John Sawyer, Mayor of the City of Santa Rosa, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim the fourth Friday in April as

Children's Memorial Day



Mayor John Sawyer
April 19, 2016