Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California,
Recognizing April 2015 As Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Whereas, Sexual Assault Awareness Month is intended to draw attention to the fact that rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment remain intolerable violent crimes that have a profound and lasting impact on every community in Sonoma County; and

Whereas, national research indicates that one in five women will be raped at some point in their lifetime, and nearly half of all women will experience some form of sexual violence; and

Whereas, one in seventeen men will be raped at some point in their lifetime; and one in five men will experience some form of sexual violence;

Whereas, young people are at greatest risk of sexual violence, and youth aged 12 to 17 were 2.5 times as likely to be raped or experience sexual assault; and

Whereas, we must work together to educate our community about sexual violence prevention, supporting survivors, and speaking out against harmful attitudes and actions; and

Whereas, with leadership, dedication, and encouragement, there is evidence that we can be successful in preventing sexual violence in Sonoma County through increased education, awareness, and community involvement; and

Whereas, the Board of Supervisors of Sonoma County strongly supports the efforts of national, state, and local partners, and of every citizen, to actively engage in public and private efforts to prevent sexual violence. It’s time for all of us to start conversations, take appropriate action and support one another to create a safer environment for all; and

Whereas, the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors join advocates and communities across the country in playing an active role to prevent sexual
violence.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved along with the United States Government and State of California, that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors designates the month of April 2015, to be Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Sonoma County.

Supervisors:

Rabbitt: Zane: Gore: Carrillo: Gorin:

Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

So Ordered.