

A Declaration of Unity by Sonoma County Residents

SONOMA COUNTY—UNITED IN KINDNESS

We the undersigned believe that freedom from hateful speech, bullying, discrimination, and violence is a human right.

We believe all of us benefit from living in a diverse community.

Everyone, especially children and youth, requires a place to grow and learn in peace and safety, guided in kindness and caring.

We are proud that our half-million Sonoma County neighbors come from so many of humankind's backgrounds, beliefs, and traditions in pursuit of joyful and healthful living.

To sustain these strengths, we affirm trust in a social fabric that does not permit harm to individuals and groups based on distinctions of ability, age, appearance, ethnicity, gender identity, language, race, religion, sexual preference, and socio-economic position.

We call on all Sonoma County residents to find ways to create this pluralistic social fabric. We call on our leaders in education, government, business, health, and faith to build, through education and initiatives in their areas of influence, a county that honors human rights.

In recognition of these desires for unity, we jointly declare Sonoma County—United in Kindness.