



CITY OF SEBASTOPOL

Proclamation

**Proclamation of the City of Sebastopol, Sonoma County,
Proclaiming the Fourth Friday in April as Children's Memorial Flag Day
throughout Sonoma County in memory of children who have died by violence.**

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 Sebastopol 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;

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed that in memory of children who have died by violence, the City of Sebastopol does hereby proclaim the fourth Friday in April as Children's Memorial Day in the City of Sebastopol;

Be it further proclaimed that the Children's Memorial Flag be flown on April 29th, by the City of Sebastopol and for a week whenever a child dies by violence in the City of Sebastopol in remembrance of young lives cut short by senseless violence;

Be it further proclaimed that I, Mayor Neysa Hinton, urge all citizens to increase their participation in efforts to prevent child abuse and child death, thereby strengthening the communities in which we live.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the Great Seal of the City of Sebastopol this 2nd day of April, 2019.



Neysa Hinton
Mayor

