

RESOLUTION  
*of*  
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MARIN COUNTY

PROCLAIMING  
CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH  
FEBRUARY 2020

WHEREAS, oral health is a key component of overall health and well-being at all stages of life; and

WHEREAS, every child deserves healthy teeth and gums, regardless of income. We can achieve this in Marin through partnerships with schools, dentists, public health and community agencies, and parents as outlined in the new Marin County Oral Health Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, poor oral health is the most common chronic disease among children, and is linked to lifelong chronic diseases such as diabetes, heart disease, and stroke; and

WHEREAS, poor oral health and mouth pain impact school performance, employment, self-esteem, and the ability to smile, chew, and engage in social interactions; and

WHEREAS, the rate of untreated tooth decay in elementary school students in Marin ranges from 3% to 21%, with low income schools having higher rates of decay; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Health and Human Services has completed an Oral Health Needs Assessment and Strategic Plan to reduce oral health disparities; and

WHEREAS, oral health diseases are preventable with measures such as oral health screening, fluoride varnish, dental sealants, fluoridated water, and dental visits by age one and regularly thereafter; and

WHEREAS, the Oral Health Strategic Plan has trained community members, created school-based assessments, developed and distributed prevention messages throughout the community, and is training providers on oral health prevention and treatment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Marin County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the month of February 2020 as "Children's Dental Health Month" and encourages residents to learn about, and seek, appropriate oral health prevention and treatment.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020.

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KATIE RICE - SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 2 - PRESIDENT

