Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California, Authorizing The Director Of Health Services To Execute A Joint Exercise Of Powers Agreement For The Purpose Of Participation In The California Counties' Mental Health Services Authority In Order To Jointly Develop And Fund Mental Health Services And Education Programs As Determined On A Regional, State-wide or Other Basis

Whereas, in order to more efficiently develop and fund regional and State-wide, State-funded mental health services and education programs under the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), a number of California counties are proposing a Joint Powers Authority (JPA); and

Whereas, through the JPA, administration of MHSA programs can become more efficient and cost effective; and

Whereas, the California Department of Mental Health has set aside separate MHSA funding that would flow through the JPA, in addition to existing county allocations, to be used to fund critical regional and statewide needs such as suicide prevention, workforce training and education, and student mental health services.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Supervisors of Sonoma County hereby authorizes the Director of Health Services to execute a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement for the purpose of participation in the California Counties' Mental Health Services Authority in order to jointly develop and fund mental health services and education programs as determined on a regional, State-wide or other basis.

Supervisors:

Ayes: 3              Noes: 0             Absent: 2         Abstain: 0

So Ordered.