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1                   **SONOMA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**  
2                   **SUPPORTING US RATIFICATION OF THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD**  
3                   **AND ITS PROTOCOLS**

4   **WHEREAS**, children have inalienable human rights, such as the right to food, shelter, health  
5   care, protection from abuse, education, and the right to develop in a safe environment free from  
6   discrimination; and children in the United States and throughout the world face an  
7   unprecedented crisis that impedes their proper development; and

8   **WHEREAS**, there is insufficient support for the maintenance of caring and nurturing families;  
9   and children remain the subject of abuse, neglect, and exploitation; and it is the duty of the  
10   Government to ensure that all children receive the level of support necessary for the realization  
11   of these rights; and

12   **WHEREAS**, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child details the civil and  
13   political rights of children, as well as their social, economic and cultural rights; and setting basic  
14   rights of children as whole persons requires rethinking programs for families and children;

15   **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Sonoma County Democratic Central Committee  
16   affirms its support for the Convention on the Rights of the Child and Protocols 1 and 2; and calls  
17   on all Sonoma County and city agencies, especially those concerned with the housing, nutrition,  
18   education, protection, medical care, recreation and economic opportunity for children, to ensure  
19   that their activities and funding processes comply with the Convention and its Protocols; and  
20   strongly urges the President and the Secretary of State to place the Convention and its  
21   Protocols, in the highest category of priority in order to accelerate the treaty's passage through  
22   the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the full U.S. Senate with the goal of United  
23   States ratification; and exhorts the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee to pass this treaty  
24   favorably out of Committee; and strongly urges the Senate of the United States to ratify the  
25   Convention and its Protocols and support the continuing goals of these international  
26   agreements; and

27   **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Sonoma County Democratic Central Committee  
28   distribute copies of this resolution to Senators Feinstein and Boxer, Representatives Woolsey  
29   and Thompson, and such media outlets as the Public Relations Committee may deem  
30   appropriate; and to Democratic clubs in Sonoma County, to all other California county  
31   Democratic central committees, and to the California Democratic Party for consideration and  
32   support; and that the Sonoma County Democratic Central Committee transmit such  
33   correspondence as may advance the principles of this resolution.

34   Sponsored by Thomas Gangale  
35   Chair, Issues and Legislation Committee, Sonoma County Democratic Party

36   Adapted from Resolution of the City Council of New York, 21 November 1989  
37   <http://depthome.brooklyn.cuny.edu/childrensstudies/symposium/citycouncilresolution.htm>

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