

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

Sonoma County Administration  
Building, Santa Rosa, California

Dated \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SONOMA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA ADOPTING A SUPPORT POSITION ON ASSEMBLY BILL 324 (BEALL) AS AMENDED ON AUGUST 24, 2009

WHEREAS, many local agencies lack an accurate, geographically-specific metric of what it takes for individuals and families to cover basic living expenses in today's economy; and

WHEREAS, eligibility for many public benefit programs is based on whether an individual or family falls under the Federal Poverty Line (FPL), which is based solely on the cost of a very basic diet and excludes consideration of other basic living costs such as healthcare and housing; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Poverty Line is the same in every state and does not take into account the high cost of living in Sonoma County; and

WHEREAS, on April 15, 2009, the Sonoma County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council passed a request for the Board of Supervisors to support federal and state legislation that would increase protections for seniors disqualified from public programs/services due to a cost of living adjustment; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 324 (Beall) would establish an Elder Economic Security Standard Index to provide a better measure of poverty to plan for the needs of the growing aging population; and

WHEREAS, the Elder Index would accurately quantify the annual cost of meeting basic needs for retired, older adults in each California county and would enable direct service providers to identify seniors struggling to cover their costs and refer them to appropriate resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the County of Sonoma does hereby adopt a position of support for Assembly Bill 324 (Beall), as amended on August 24, 2009

SUPERVISORS:

Brown:            Kerns:            Zane:            Carrillo:            Kelley:

Ayes            Noes            Abstain            Absent

SO ORDERED.