

*The Board of Supervisors of
Contra Costa County, California*

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2017/143

Child Abuse Prevention Month.

WHEREAS: as a community, we have a responsibility to nurture and protect our children and help ensure healthy and productive adults; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect affect children of all ages, races, and income, and are 100 percent preventable; and

WHEREAS, in Contra Costa County, Child Protective Services (CPS), a program of Children & Family Services, within the Employment and Human Services Department, protects children through response, intervention, investigation, and preventive services; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, CPS in Contra Costa County received and investigated more than 7,700 referrals of children potentially in harm's way; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, there were 1,150 verified cases of child abuse in Contra Costa County; and

WHEREAS, the life time economic burden per victim of \$307,545, and the total annual economic burden of child abuse in Contra Costa is \$359.3 million, underscoring the financial importance to Contra Costa of preventing a single child from becoming a victim; and

WHEREAS, CPS in Contra Costa County provides services including family maintenance, reunification and permanent placements with resource families; and

WHEREAS, all members of the community have a role to play in strengthening families by offering parents the education, support and skills they need to provide healthy safe and nurturing homes for their children; and

WHEREAS, scientific studies confirm a direct link between child abuse and a significantly greater risk later in life for alcohol and substance abuse, depression, eating disorders, obesity, sexual promiscuity, smoking, suicide, continued family violence and criminal behavior; and

WHEREAS, during periods of economic downturns, families are much more vulnerable and the evidence of abuse increases across all segments of our society; and

WHEREAS, a child is reported abused in California every minute of every day; and

WHEREAS, in Contra Costa County there are numerous committed agencies, parents, relatives, community volunteers, public policymakers and professionals who collaborate to eliminate child abuse and give children hope, security and safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors joins in proclaiming April 2017 to be "Child Abuse Prevention Month", recognizes the efforts made by Children & Family Services of the Employment and Human Services Department and the Child Abuse Prevention Council, and acknowledges both agencies for their dedication to preventing child abuse in Contra Costa County.

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I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: April 25, 2017

David J. Twa,

By: _____, Deputy