

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2018/151

Child Abuse Prevention Month

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

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

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

WHEREAS, despite outreach and community efforts, the rising number of reported child abuse cases remains a great concern, and highlights the need for increased protection and improved services for abused and neglected children; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, CPS in Contra Costa County received and investigated more than 7,500 referrals of children potentially in harm's way; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, there were 536 verified cases of child abuse in Contra Costa County; and

WHEREAS, most experts believe the number of incidents of child abuse are far greater than what is reported; and early intervention is critical for preventing abuse and can positively impact at-risk families, protecting children; and

WHEREAS, the annual economic burden of child abuse in Contra Costa was \$258.9 million in 2017, underscoring the financial importance to Contra Costa of preventing a single child from becoming a victim; 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, 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 our children hope, security and safety.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors joins in proclaiming April to be "Child Abuse Prevention Month", and recognizes the efforts made by the Child Abuse Prevention Council and Children and Family Services of the Employment and Human Services Department; 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 24, 2018

David J. Twa,

By: _____, Deputy