

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2023/132

Proclaiming April 2023 as Child Abuse Prevention Month

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect affect children of all ages, races, and income, and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone; and

WHEREAS, child abuse can have significant long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that have lasting consequences for the child and family, as well as the community and society at large; and

WHEREAS, child abuse is preventable and our children are our most valuable resources who will shape the future of Contra Costa County, therefore it is our responsibility to ensure that our children can grow up in safe and healthy environments; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the cumulative financial impact to Contra Costa County for the 678 verified survivors of child maltreatment is \$326,000,000 based on costs that include intervention, foster care and counseling services, special education, criminal justice, healthcare, and lifetime productivity; 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 & Human Services Department, collaborate to continue protecting children through preventive services, response, intervention, and investigation; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention activities succeed because of the partnerships between child welfare professionals, education, health, community- and faith-based organizations, businesses, law enforcement agencies, and families; 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; and

WHEREAS, we understand that prevention is the best defense and we must continue working together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and

WHEREAS, Contra Costa County and local partner organizations support a movement led by Safe and Sound and The Greater Bay Area Child Abuse Prevention Council Coalition. The effort outlines a path from our current system of mandated reporters to one of *community supporters* who nurture strong family connections, keep children safely with their families, and protect children and families by promoting social and emotional well-being.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim April 2023 as Child Abuse Prevention Month and urges all community members to dedicate themselves to improving the quality of life for all children and families, and to preventing child abuse in Contra Costa County.

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Chair, District I Supervisor

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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 4, 2023

Monica Nino, County Administrator

By: _____, Deputy