

# The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of Proclaiming April 2023 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Resolution No. 2023/132

**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, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County 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.

*PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.*

  
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**JOHN GIOIA**

Chair,  
District I Supervisor

  
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**CANDACE ANDERSEN**

District II Supervisor

Absent

  
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**DIANE BURGIS**

District III Supervisor

Absent

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**KEN CARLSON**  
District IV Supervisor

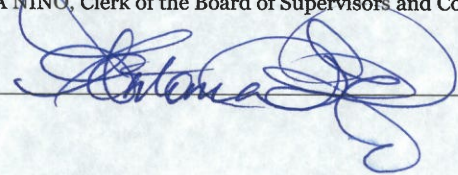
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**FEDERAL D. GLOVER**  
District V Supervisor



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 MINO, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and County Administrator

By  \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy