

**PROCLAMATION
OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**

Whereas, children are our future and deserve to grow up nurtured and free of the maltreatment of abuse and neglect; and

Whereas, preventing child maltreatment is a community problem that depends upon collaboration among agencies and individuals within neighborhoods and throughout the community and the county; and

Whereas, child maltreatment not only directly harms children, but also increases the likelihood of long-term physical and mental health problems, known as Adverse Childhood Experiences, which come at great economic and social costs; and

Whereas, child maltreatment occurs in families of all cultural, ethnic, and economic backgrounds; and

Whereas, the majority of child abuse cases stem from situations and conditions that are preventable in an engaged and supportive community; and

Whereas, child abuse and neglect can be reduced by making sure each family has the support needed to raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment; and

Whereas, there is a growing body of knowledge that Primary and Secondary Prevention Programs offered within the community, and throughout the county, can stem the tide of child abuse.

NOW THEREFORE, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, recognizing the importance of working together to prevent child abuse and promote the well-being of children and families, does hereby proclaim April 2023 as **Child Abuse Prevention Month**, and calls upon all residents to increase participation in these efforts to support families, thereby strengthening the communities in which we live.

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Steve Madrone, Chair

