



# Humboldt County Board of Supervisors **PROCLAMATION**

*in honor of the*

## Child Abuse Prevention Month

**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**, CAPCC is actively aligned with the Family First Preventive Services Act to extend public awareness that everyone in our community plays a part in reducing child abuse; and

**Whereas**, child maltreatment not only directly harms children and results in adverse childhood experiences, which increase the likelihood of such long-term physical and mental health problems that 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, reduce adverse childhood experiences, and promote the well-being of children and families, does hereby proclaim April 2025 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.



Dated: March 25, 2025

Michelle Bushnell, Chair