

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF LAKE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Proclamation

**DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2023
AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

WHEREAS, over 3.6 million children are reported abused and neglected in the United States each year; and its estimated that over 1,750 children died from abuse and neglect in a single year; and

WHEREAS, child abuse prevention is a community problem all citizens should become more aware of the effects of child abuse and its prevention, and finding solutions depends on the involvement of people throughout the community and communities must make every effort to promote programs and activities that create strong and thriving children and families; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, religious and civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, the business community and supporting parents in raising their children in safe and nurturing environments; and

WHEREAS, current local initiatives to prevent child abuse include: Building Resilience a countywide collaboration, Adverse Childhood Experiences, Nurturing Families Program, Differential Response, RCS Wrap Around Services, Motherwise and the Protective Factors; and

WHEREAS, events being held for the month of April this year are the Pinwheel Challenge, and child abuse information is being shared on media for the month. April 12th is wear blue for children day. April 15th in Lakeport at Library Park and April 29th at Austin Park in Clearlake will be the children's festival. Placemats are being placed at local businesses around the lake that support the month of April as child abuse prevention.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Lake County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim April 2023, as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in Lake County and calls upon its residents, community agencies, religious organizations, medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to prevent child abuse, thereby strengthening the community in which we live.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of April, 2023.

ATTEST: SUSAN PARKER
Clerk to the Board of Supervisors

COUNTY OF LAKE

By: _____ Chair, Board of Supervisors

