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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF FRESNO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 25-081

**IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING)
APRIL 2025 AS NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE)
PREVENTION MONTH IN FRESNO COUNTY)**

WHEREAS, since 1981, the Fresno Council on Child Abuse Prevention (FCCAP), the County's designated Child Abuse Prevention Council, has served Fresno County by coordinating community efforts to provide prevention education services to professionals, parents, and children by targeting the greatest dangers to children and families; and

WHEREAS, during the month of April, we recognize National Child Abuse Prevention Month, which is an annual observance dedicated to raise awareness on the importance of communities working together to support and strengthen families to prevent child maltreatment and abuse; and

WHEREAS, between October 2023 and September 2024, 418,830 children in California were reported as alleged victims of abuse or neglect, and 17,395 of these alleged victims were children residing in Fresno County. Of the alleged Fresno County victims, 1,534 children had substantiated allegations of abuse or neglect; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect often occur when families or caregivers find themselves in isolated or stressful situations, without community resources, and unaware of how to cope. The majority of child abuse cases stem from situations and conditions that are preventable when our communities are supportive, active, and engaged; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect can be reduced by making sure every family has the support it needs to raise their children in a healthy environment, and with protective factors or conditions that reduce or eliminate risk and promote the social, emotional, and developmental well-being of children. Effective prevention programs succeed because of meaningful connections and partnerships among families, community members, social service agencies, schools, faith-based organizations, law enforcement agencies, medical facilities, and the business community; and

WHEREAS, the Fresno County Department of Social Services diligently works to ensure that children remain safe from abuse and neglect, and collaborates with community partners to expand child abuse prevention efforts through a network of Neighborhood Resource Centers that provide families with a wide array of resources and individualized services.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims April 2025 as National Child Abuse Prevention Month, and urges all citizens to join FCCAP, the Department of Social Services, and their engaged partners as they support each family's efforts to keep themselves and their children safe, healthy, and living in a nurturing environment.

THE FOREGOING, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 25th day of March 2025, to-wit:

AYES:	Supervisors Bredefeld, Chavez, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAINED:	None


Ernest Buddy Mendes, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno

ATTEST:
BERNICE E. SEIDEL
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Fresno, State of California

By 
Deputy