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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF FRESNO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 23-108

**IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING APRIL 2023)
AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH)**

WHEREAS, Between October 2021 and September 2022, 442,264 children in California were reported as alleged victims of abuse or neglect, and 19,625 of these alleged victims were children residing in Fresno County. Of the alleged victims, 2,085 children had substantiated allegations of abuse; 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

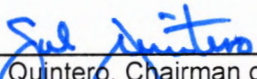
WHEREAS, The Fresno County Department of Social Services diligently works to ensure that children remain safe from abuse and neglect, and collaborates with community partners to expand child abuse prevention efforts and provide families with a wide array of resources and individualized services; and

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaim the month of April 2023 as Child Abuse Prevention Awareness 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 11th day of April 2023 to-wit:

AYES: Supervisors Brandau, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None



Sal Quintero, 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