

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF FRESNO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 24-152

PROCLAIM APRIL 2024 AS CHILD ABUSE)
PREVENTION MONTH IN FRESNO COUNTY)

WHEREAS, between October 2022 and September 2023, 435,032 children in California were reported as alleged victims of abuse or neglect, and 18,571 of these alleged victims were children residing in Fresno County. Of the alleged victims, 1,875 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 through a network of Neighborhood Resource Centers that provide families with a wide array of resources and individualized services; and

WHEREAS, the Fresno County Department of Social Services is continuing to invest in prevention. The Families First Prevention Services (FFPS) program includes child maltreatment prevention services to the general population as well as prevention services to those at risk of abuse or neglect and those at imminent risk of entering the foster care system.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims April 2024 as Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month, and urges all citizens to join the Fresno Council on Child Abuse Prevention, the Fresno County 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 23rd day of April 2024, to-wit:

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

Nathan Magsig, 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 Alexandria Villar
Deputy