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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF FRESNO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 26-124

**PROCLAIM APRIL 2026 AS NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE)
PREVENTION MONTH IN THE COUNTY OF FRESNO)**

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

WHEREAS, the Fresno County Department of Social Services supports the statewide Child Abuse Prevention Month theme, "Strong Families, Safe Futures," by embodying a Kin First Culture and committing to help children remain connected to their family, extended family, and friends who feel like family; and

WHEREAS, the Fresno County Department of Social Services, in partnership with the County's designated Child Abuse Prevention Council, the Fresno Council on Child Abuse Prevention (FCCAP), has served Fresno County through coordinated community efforts to provide prevention education services to professionals, parents, and children by addressing the greatest risks to children and families; and

WHEREAS, between October 2024 and September 2025, 403,834 children in California were reported as alleged victims of abuse or neglect, and 16,401 of these alleged victims were children residing in Fresno County. Of the alleged Fresno County victims, 1,537 children had substantiated allegations of abuse or neglect; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect frequently arise when families or caregivers face isolation or overwhelming stress, lack access to supportive community resources, or do not know how to manage these challenges. Many instances of abuse are rooted in circumstances that can be prevented when communities remain engaged, connected, and supportive; and

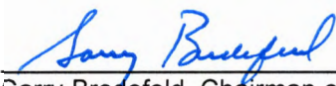
WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect can be reduced by ensuring every family's social determinants of health are supported, helping to raise children in healthy environments through protective factors such as economic stability, access to education, quality health care, safe housing, transportation, and social connection; and

WHEREAS, the Fresno County Department of Social Services diligently works to ensure that children remain safe from abuse and neglect, including through CalAIM, which expands the use of Medi-Cal to support prevention services by providing essential, proactive, and person-centered tools designed to improve overall health and well-being and strengthen social determinants of health.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims April 2026 as National Child Abuse Prevention Month and urges all residents to join the Department of Social Services, FCCAP, and CalAIM partners in supporting each family's efforts to keep themselves and their children safe, healthy, and living in a nurturing environment.

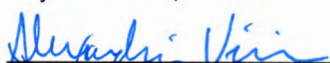
THE FOREGOING, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 7th day of April 2026, to-wit:

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



Garry Bredefeld, 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