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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF FRESNO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 19-131

IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING APRIL 2019)
AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH)

WHEREAS, between October, 2017 and September, 2018, 490,724 children in California were reported as alleged victims of abuse or neglect, and 19,364 of these alleged victims were children in Fresno County. All adults and caregivers have a responsibility as neighbors, community members, and citizens of Fresno County, to help create a healthy, safe and nurturing environment for children and youth. Safe and healthy childhoods help produce confident, successful, and independent adults; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect often occurs 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 works diligently to ensure that children remain safe from abuse and neglect, and is currently collaborating with other partners in the expansion of child abuse prevention efforts in order to reduce the number of children entering the child welfare system; and

WHEREAS, since 1981, the Fresno Council on Child Abuse Prevention (FCCAP), the only primary child abuse prevention agency, 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. Wearing the color blue, wearing a blue ribbon, or displaying a pinwheel in April are national symbols of child abuse prevention. The Pinwheels for Prevention campaign focuses on positive efforts to ensure that all children have the safe, stable, and nurturing families they deserve.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims April, 2019 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.

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THE FOREGOING, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 9th day of April, 2019, 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 Susan Bishop
Deputy

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