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3 **BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

COUNTY OF FRESNO  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

4 IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING APRIL 2017 AS)  
5 CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH)

RESOLUTION NO. 17-213

6 **WHEREAS**, between October 2015 and September 2016, 495,049 children in California were  
7 reported as alleged victims of abuse or neglect, and 21,367 of these alleged victims were children in  
8 Fresno County. All adults and caregivers have a responsibility, as neighbors, community members and  
9 citizens of Fresno County to help create a healthy, safe and nurturing environment for children and  
10 youth. Safe and healthy childhoods help produce confident, successful and independent adults; and

11 **WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect often occurs when families or caregivers find themselves  
12 in isolated or stressful situations, without community resources, and not knowing how to cope. The  
13 majority of child abuse cases stem from situations and conditions that are preventable when our  
14 communities are supportive, active and engaged; and

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

21 **WHEREAS**, the Fresno County Department of Social Services works diligently to ensure that  
22 children remain safe from abuse and neglect and are currently expanding child abuse prevention  
23 efforts to reduce the number of children from ever entering the child welfare system; and

24 **WHEREAS**, since 1981, the Fresno Council on Child Abuse Prevention (FCCAP), the only  
25 primary child abuse prevention agency, has served Fresno County as a Child Abuse Prevention  
26 Council. Wearing the color blue or wearing a blue ribbon or displaying a pinwheel in April will serve as  
27 a positive reminder that together, we can prevent child abuse and keep children safe.

28 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby  
proclaim April 2017 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 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 4<sup>TH</sup> day of April, 2017, to-wit:

22 AYES: Supervisors, Borgeas, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero  
23 NOES: None  
24 ABSENT: None



CHAIRMAN, Board of Supervisors

25 ATTEST:  
26 BERNICE E. SEIDEL  
27 Clerk, Board of Supervisors

28 By Susan Bishop  
Deputy