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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.

**THE FOREGOING**, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 9<sup>th</sup> 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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