

Resolution

MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION NUMBER 15-16-38

Proclaiming April as

Child Abuse Prevention Month

April 1-30, 2016

WHEREAS, April was first declared Child Abuse Prevention Month by presidential proclamation in 1983 and since then, April has been a time to acknowledge the importance of families, schools and communities working together to prevent child abuse; and

WHEREAS, children are our most precious resource and Child Abuse Prevention Month emphasizes the need to address child abuse to ensure all children feel safe and protected, and are treated with respect and dignity; and

WHEREAS, preventing child abuse and neglect is a community issue that depends on involvement of all people throughout the community and Child Abuse Prevention Month is a time to acknowledge the importance of families and communities working together to promote the social and emotional well-being of children; and

WHEREAS, with child abuse occurring at every socioeconomic level, across ethnic and cultural lines, within all religions, and at all levels of education, there has been great progress in the collaborative efforts to identify and find solutions to improve the health and well-being of all children; and

WHEREAS, we commend Monterey County agencies, organizations, and faith-based groups that work collaboratively to eliminate crimes against children, build a caring network of hope for our children, and provide an array of social services in the areas of adoption, foster care, drug prevention, positive social development, and life skills training; and

WHEREAS, the Monterey County Board of Education acknowledges and honors those with a mission to strengthen families and communities, as well as those who initiate, coordinate, and lead everyone's efforts to prevent, report, and respond to child abuse and neglect and work together to build a stronger, safer society for all children:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Monterey County Board of Education does hereby adopt Resolution Number 15-16-38 to recognize the month of April 2016 as **Child Abuse Prevention Month** and calls upon agencies, organizations, schools, and the public to observe this month by coordinating child abuse and neglect prevention and awareness efforts, programs, and activities that improve the safety and well-being of children.

**Passed and Adopted
on the
Sixteenth Day of March 2016**



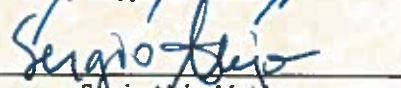
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