

**Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the
County of Monterey, State of California**

Resolution No.:

Adopt a resolution proclaiming **April 2026 as Child Abuse Prevention Month** in the County of **Monterey** and recognize the child abuse prevention efforts of the Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC), Family and Children’s Services (FCS), the District Attorney’s Office, and community partners.

WHEREAS, April has been nationally recognized as **Child Abuse Prevention Month** to raise awareness, encourage prevention efforts, and support programs across the county that support and strengthen families and prevent child maltreatment.

WHEREAS, in alignment with AB 2085, which went into effect in January of 2023, it is essential to distinguish economic disadvantage from neglect. Our commitment to fostering safe communities remains unwavering as we collaborate to ensure child safety and heal the legacy of over-reporting due to bias, which has resulted in trauma and over-surveillance of low-income families of color; and

WHEREAS, our Department of Social Services, in collaboration with other county departments including Family and Children Services (FCS), the District Attorney’s Office, Children’s Behavioral Health, Juvenile Probation, Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC), Holding on to Hope, Monterey County Family Justice Center, Monterey County Children’s Council, and others, works to empower children and families to thrive free of abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, preventing child abuse requires the active involvement of individuals, families, schools, organizations, and government agencies working together to promote safe, stable, and strong families; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and contribute to promoting the social and emotional well-being of children and families in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the county and all of its citizens, hereby proclaims the month of **April 2026 as Child Abuse Prevention Month** in the County of Monterey, recognizes the child abuse prevention efforts of the Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC), Family and Children’s Services (FCS), the District Attorney’s Office, and community partners, and calls upon all residents, community organizations, and government agencies to join us in raising awareness and strengthening efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect..

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this ___ day of ___ 2026, upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____ by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES:

NOES:
ABSENT:

I, Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book ____ for the meeting on _____.

Dated:

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California

By _____
Deputy