

# Shasta County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

## Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month April 2018

**WHEREAS**, as a society, we have a responsibility to nurture and protect our children and help ensure they become healthy and productive adults; and

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ranks child abuse among America's top public health crises; and

**WHEREAS**, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) have a significant impact on a child's future that include physical, emotional, and sexual child abuse, neglect, and parental illness or stress; and

**WHEREAS**, scientific studies confirm a direct link between child abuse and a significantly greater risk later in life for substance abuse, criminal behavior, suicide, eating disorders, smoking, and premature death from chronic disease, cancer, and other serious illnesses; and

**WHEREAS**, everyone in the community should become more aware of child abuse and neglect prevention and consider helping parents raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment; and

**WHEREAS**, Shasta County Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council strengthens families in our community through building protective factors to ensure children are valued and supported by providing parents opportunities to receive social connections, knowledge of parenting and child development, and concrete support in times of need, to ensure all children will grow to their full potential; and

**WHEREAS**, in Shasta County there are numerous committed agencies, schools, parents, relatives, community volunteers, public policymakers and professionals who are collaborating their efforts to eliminate child abuse and neglect in the county to give our children hope, security, and safety;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Shasta joins in declaring April 2018 as "Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month" in Shasta County and calls upon Shasta County officials, employees and citizens to join the important efforts of all partners serving children and families to work together to prevent child abuse and neglect and build healthy, safe, nurturing families and communities. Children succeed when their parents succeed and families thrive when they live in supportive communities.

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Les Baugh, Chairman

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March 27, 2018

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