## Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

IN THE MATTER OF RECOGNIZING APRIL, 2016 AS "CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH" IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016/125** 

WHEREAS, Child Abuse Prevention Month has been observed for the past 25 years since it was first proclaimed by the U.S. President in 1982; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect affect children of all ages, races, and incomes, but it is 100 percent preventable; and

WHEREAS, national statistics show that one in four girls and one in four boys will be mistreated before the age of eighteen, while children with disabilities are three to seven times more likely to suffer from child abuse than children without disabilities; and

WHEREAS, despite outreach and community efforts, the rising number of reported child abuse cases remains a great concern, and highlights the need for increased protection and improved services for abused and neglected children; and

WHEREAS, most experts believe the number of incidents of abuse are far greater than what is reported; early intervention child abuse programs are critical for preventing abuse, and can positively impact at-risk families, protecting children.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby recognize the efforts made by the Child Abuse Prevention Council and acknowledges its hard work to prevent child abuse throughout Contra Costa County, and declares April, 2016 as

Child Abuse Prevention Month

in Contra Costa County.

PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 12th day of April, 2016.

CANDACE ANDERSEN

Chair,

District II Supervisor

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District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown:

ATTESTED: April 12, 2016

DAVID TWA, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and County Administrator

By Stephania Mello, Deput

