

The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of Child Abuse Prevention Month

Resolution No. 2018/151


WHEREAS, as a community, we have a responsibility to nurture and protect our children and help ensure they become healthy and productive adults; and
WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect affect children of all ages, races, and income, and is 100 percent preventable; and
WHEREAS, in Contra Costa County, the Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC) and Child Protective Services (CPS), a program of Children & Family Services within the Employment and Human Services Department, collaborate to protect children through preventive services, response, intervention, and investigation; 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, in 2017, CPS in Contra Costa County received and investigated more than 7,500 referrals of children potentially in harm's way; and
WHEREAS, in 2017, there were 536 verified cases of child abuse in Contra Costa County; and
WHEREAS, most experts believe the number of incidents of child abuse are far greater than what is reported; and early intervention is critical for preventing abuse and can positively impact at-risk families, protecting children; and
WHEREAS, the annual economic burden of child abuse in Contra Costa was \$258.9 million in 2017, underscoring the financial importance to Contra Costa of preventing a single child from becoming a victim; and
WHEREAS, all members of the community have a role to play in strengthening families by offering parents the education, support, and skills they need to provide healthy, safe and nurturing homes for their children; and
WHEREAS, in Contra Costa County there are numerous committed agencies, parents, relatives, community volunteers, public policymakers and professionals who collaborate to eliminate child abuse and give our children hope, security and safety.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors joins in proclaiming April to be "Child Abuse Prevention Month", and recognizes the efforts made by the Child Abuse Prevention Council and Children and Family Services of the Employment and Human Services Department; and acknowledges both agencies for their dedication to preventing child abuse in Contra Costa County.

PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 24th day of April, 2018.




KAREN MITCHOFF
Chair,
District IV Supervisor


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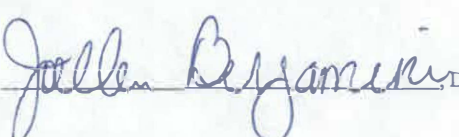

FEDERAL D. GLOVER
District V Supervisor



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 24, 2018

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

By  Deputy