

Resolution

MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION NUMBER 22-23-28

Recognizing

Child Abuse Prevention Month

WHEREAS, the Monterey County Board of Education recognizes April as **Child Abuse Prevention Month** to acknowledge the importance of families, schools, and communities working together to prevent child abuse and to promote the importance of creating safe, stable, and nurturing environments; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a serious problem affecting every segment of our community, and as our children grow and shape our future, it is important to gather input and garner action from everyone in our community to find solutions to protect our children; and

WHEREAS, child abuse can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that have lasting consequences for victims, and communities must make every effort to promote programs, policies, and activities that create strong and thriving children and families; and


WHEREAS, child abuse spikes when people find themselves in stressful situations, such as job loss, financial troubles, and social isolation, and the tragic events and continuing effects of the COVID pandemic has had a major impact on child abuse and neglect; and

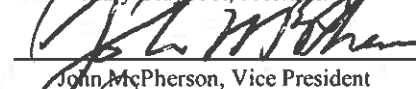
WHEREAS, child abuse prevention efforts thrive when we create partnerships between child welfare, education, health, community organizations, and law enforcement agencies, and the Monterey County Board of Education understands that we must all work together as a community to increase awareness surrounding child abuse and support the social and emotional well-being of our children; and


WHEREAS, the Monterey County Board of Education acknowledges and honors all organizations with a mission to strengthen families and communities, as well as those who initiate, coordinate, and lead efforts to prevent, report, and respond to child abuse and neglect:


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Monterey County Board of Education does hereby adopt Resolution Number 22-23-28 to recognize the month of April as **Child Abuse Prevention Month** and to highlight the importance of families, schools, and communities working together to build a stronger, safer society, and to ensure children are protected at all times.

Passed and Adopted on the
Fifteenth Day of March 2023


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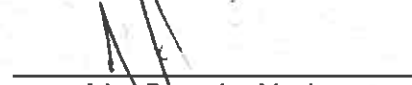

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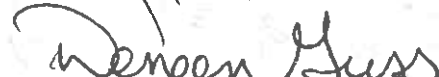

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