



**RESOLUTION #25-22**

**DECLARING THE MONTH OF APRIL  
NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, child safety and wellbeing are of the utmost importance; and

**WHEREAS**, everyone has a stake in ensuring that children have access to the resources and supports they need to be safe, healthy and successful; and

**WHEREAS**, children spend a significant amount of time each day in school. Time spent at school can help students develop trusting relationships with school and district staff and their peers; and

**WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect is an important societal concern that affects the long-term health and well-being of children as they grow and develop; and

**WHEREAS**, data from Child Welfare Outcomes ([ewoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov](http://ewoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov)) regarding the State of California indicates more than a quarter of a million reported incidents of child maltreatment annually from 2018-2023. In fact, some years, reported cases surpassed 306,000; and

**WHEREAS**, child abuse prevention requires a coordinated and comprehensive response by all systems supporting children, youth and families (e.g., schools, law enforcement, health systems, faith-based organizations, and community programs); and

**WHEREAS**, many of the most vulnerable children who experience abuse at home may feel most comfortable reporting it to trusted adult on campus who they feel safe around; and

**WHEREAS**, suspected child abuse or neglect must immediately be reported to appropriate law enforcement authorities by mandated reporters, which include educators and other school staff; and

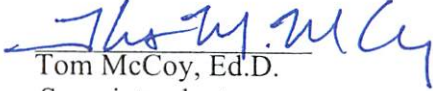
**WHEREAS**, Oxnard Union High School District is committed to creating prosperity through inquiry, equity, and wellness. Student wellness continues to be a focus of the collective effort of staff, including counseling, wellness, and school psychologist teams. Additionally, each employee is a trained mandated reporter who is required to know signs of child neglect and abuse and how to report the signs to Child Protective Services. Early outreach and support paired with access to resources will continue to increase awareness and prevent incidents of abuse and neglect.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 2025 that the Board of Trustees of the Oxnard Union High School District declares April 2025 as National Child Abuse Prevention Month in this school district and encourages all educational communities to unite against child abuse and neglect while increasing

awareness of the important role all district employees play to ensure that students feel welcome and safe while attending school.



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