



RESOLUTION #26-13

**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 support 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 (cwoutcomes.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 22nd day of April 2026 that the Board of Trustees of the Oxnard Union High School District declares April 2026 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.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 22nd day of April, 2026 by the Board of Trustees of the Oxnard Union High School District.

AYES: 4
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 1

ABSTAIN:

State of California
County of Ventura



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