



A Tradition of Stewardship
A Commitment to Service

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS | NAPA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH – April 2017

WHEREAS, National Child Abuse Prevention Month will be recognized throughout the United States during the month of April 2017; and

WHEREAS, preventing child abuse and neglect and ensuring child safety are community issues that must be addressed by a broad cross-section of the community. Children become unsafe, and child maltreatment occurs when people find themselves in stressful situations, without support, and possibly suffering from mental health issues, substance abuse, domestic violence, and poverty, and a federal study found that three times as many children are estimated to have been maltreated as are actually reported to Child Protective Agencies, translating to a probable 4,000 incidences in Napa County in 2017; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect can be reduced by making sure each family has the support they need to raise their children in a healthy environment. Child abuse is one of our nation's most serious public health problems with scientific studies documenting the link between abuse, neglect, and other adverse childhood experiences, and a wide range of medical, emotional, psychological and behavioral disorders.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that I, Belia Ramos, on behalf of the Napa County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim the month of April as **Child Abuse Prevention Month** in Napa County and urge all residents, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening our community.

Belia Ramos, Chair
NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS