

Child Abuse Prevention Month – April 2026

WHEREAS, National **Child Abuse Prevention Month** is recognized throughout the United States during the month of April and serves to highlight the essential role of community cooperation in fostering awareness of child and family well-being and advocating for the implementation of effective strategies to support families and prevent child abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, all adults and caregivers have a responsibility as neighbors, community members and residents of Napa County to help create a healthy, safe, and nurturing environment for children and youth; and

WHEREAS, during periods of extreme stress, such as economic challenges and natural disasters, families feel more vulnerable, and as a result, rates of child abuse and neglect increase. These incidences and impacts can be reduced however, by ensuring families have the support they need to cope and to raise their children in safe and healthy environments; and

WHEREAS, child abuse is considered to be one of our nation's most serious public health problems with scientific studies documenting the link between the abuse and neglect of children and youth and a wide range of medical, emotional, psychological, and behavioral disorders; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among state and local governmental agencies, schools, faith groups, community-based organizations, law enforcement agencies, the business community, and dedicated community members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that this Board of Supervisors, County of Napa, State of California, on this 14th day of April, does hereby recognize **April 2026** as **Child Abuse Prevention Month** in Napa County. We urge all community members to increase their participation in efforts to empower parents and nurture children to prevent child abuse, strengthen our community, and raise children who thrive.

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