

# Proclamation

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS | NAPA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

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## Child Abuse Prevention Month – April 2024

**WHEREAS**, National Child Abuse Prevention Month is an annual observance in April dedicated to highlighting the importance of communities banding together to increase awareness about child and family well-being and working together to implement effective strategies that 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 healthy, safe, and nurturing experiences for children and youth; and

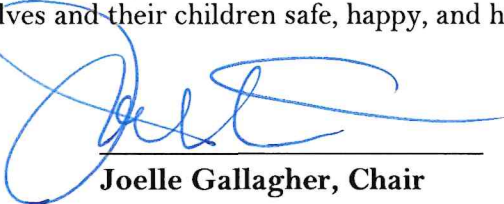
**WHEREAS**, safe and healthy childhoods help produce confident, successful, and independent adults; and

**WHEREAS**, during periods of stress, families can feel more isolated and vulnerable, and as a result, instances of child abuse and neglect can increase. Child abuse and neglect 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

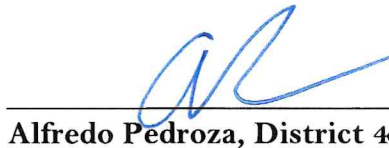
**WHEREAS**, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among state and local governmental agencies, schools, faith communities, non-profits, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community.

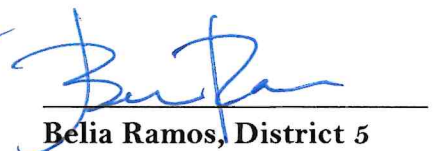
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that this Board of Supervisors, County of Napa, State of California, on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, does hereby recognize **April 2024** as **Child Abuse Prevention Month** in Napa County, and in doing so, we urge all residents to join Napa County Health and Human Services Agency, and many community partners, as they support brave survivors and each family's efforts to keep themselves and their children safe, happy, and healthy.

  
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