## PROCLAMATION OF THE MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

## "Recognition of April 2019 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Mendocino County"

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect are serious problems affecting every segment of our community, and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone in our community; and,

WHEREAS, our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future of Mendocino County; and,

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that can have lifelong consequences for victims of abuse; and,

WHEREAS, effective activities to prevent child abuse and neglect create meaningful connections and partnerships between child welfare, education, health, community, faith-based organizations, businesses, law enforcement agencies, and, County and Local Government; and,

WHEREAS, communities must make every effort to promote programs and activities that benefit children and their families; and,

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and neglect, and promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families in a safe, stable, nurturing environment; and,

WHEREAS, prevention remains the best defense for our children and families.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino, hereby proclaims April 2019, as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" and urges all citizens to work together to help reduce child abuse and neglect significantly in the years to come.

Dated:

Carre Brown, Chair

