

PROCLAMATION OF THE MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RECOGNIZING APRIL 2017 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH IN MENDOCINO COUNTY

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

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention activities succeed because of the meaningful connections and partnerships created between child welfare, education, health, community, and faith-based organizations, businesses and law enforcement agencies; 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 contribute to 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, the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims April, 2017, as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in Mendocino County and urge all citizens to work together to help reduce child abuse and neglect significantly in the years to come.

Dated: April 18, 2017

John McCowen, Chair