

PROCLAMATION

OF THE

MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RECOGNIZING APRIL AS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS AND CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, every child deserves to be safe and nurtured in caring relationships; and every family deserves to be safe and nurtured in their community; and

WHEREAS, too many of our children are exposed to sustained stress and violence, contributing to Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) which can be devastating to a child's development; and

WHEREAS, sexual assault is an intolerable crime with public health implications for every person in Mendocino County whether as a survivor, significant other, neighbor, co-worker, or family member of a survivor; and

WHEREAS, we lay the foundation for our future when the entire community takes responsibility for creating healthy and nurturing environments in which to raise our children; and

WHEREAS, Project Sanctuary provides 24-hour hotline services to victim/survivors and their significant others, responding to emergency calls, offering support and comfort to those impacted by sexual assault during medical exams, criminal proceedings, and empowering those impacted by sexual assault to chart their own course for healing; and

WHEREAS, Project Sanctuary proudly partners with the Childhood Trauma Action Team throughout Mendocino County in combined awareness during April 2021 to acknowledge the overlap of these critical issues.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino, join Project Sanctuary and the Childhood Trauma Action Team in the belief that all community members must be a part of the solution to end sexual violence and child abuse, and hereby proclaims April, 2021, as Sexual Assault and Awareness Prevention Month.

Dated: April 6, 2021

Dan Gjerde, Chair