

PROCLAMATION  
OF THE  
MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RECOGNIZING  
APRIL 2016 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, 2016, 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 19, 2016

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Dan Gjerde, Chair Board of Supervisors