

**MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLACER**

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Teri Ivaldi, Senior Administrative Aide

DATE: March 26, 2013

SUBJECT: PROCLAMATION - Approve and present a Proclamation declaring April 2013 as, "Child Abuse Prevention Month" and reaffirm its dedication to preventing child abuse and protecting our community's children, and call upon residents to increase their participation in efforts to support families and strengthen the communities in which we live.

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve and present a Proclamation declaring April 2013 as, "Child Abuse Prevention Month" and reaffirm its dedication to preventing child abuse and protecting our community's children, and call upon residents to increase their participation in efforts to support families and strengthen the communities in which we live.

BACKGROUND

The Placer County Department of Health and Human Services has many community partners who participate actively in pursuing the goal of reducing child abuse and neglect for Placer County children. Chief among these is KidsFirst, Inc. formerly known as the Child Abuse Prevention Council. Together with other key partners, KidsFirst leads a collaborative effort to deliver a variety of services which assist and support Placer County families in creating safe homes and communities.

For more than 24 years, KidsFirst has led local efforts to raise awareness about child abuse, educate the community, and help thousands of families resolve difficult life circumstances that threaten the safety and well-being of children. In addition, April is "National Child Abuse Awareness Month" and Placer County desires to support KidsFirst and all allied community partners in raising awareness and providing education to the community regarding the most effective and useful methods to prevent child abuse.

FISCAL IMPACT

This item has no fiscal impact to the County.

**MARCH 26, 2013 IN THE MATTER OF A PROCLAMATION
DECLARING APRIL, 2013 AS, "CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH"
IN PLACER COUNTY.**

WHEREAS, we all have a responsibility, as individuals, neighbors, community members and citizens of PLACER COUNTY to help create healthy, safe and nurturing experiences for children; and

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

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect often occurs when people find themselves in stressful situations, without community resources, and don't know how to cope; and

WHEREAS, the majority of child abuse cases stem from situations and conditions that are preventable in an engaged and supportive community; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect can be reduced by making sure every family has the support they need and deserve to raise their children in a healthy environment; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that no one person can do everything, but that everyone can do something, and together we can create change for the better; and

WHEREAS, effective prevention programs succeed because of partnerships among agencies, schools, religious organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and

WHEREAS, wearing a blue ribbon, displaying a pinwheel or planting a pinwheel garden in April will serve as a positive reminder that together, we can prevent child abuse and keep children safe.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer, State of California does hereby proclaim April 2013 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in PLACER COUNTY and urges all citizens to join KIDSFIRST as they engage in activities that strengthen and empower families and communities to provide the optimal environment for children to learn, grow and thrive so that all children have the benefit of happy, healthy and safe childhoods.

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