

BEFORE THE SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION:

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 2016
CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

WHEREAS, child safety is of the utmost importance;

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is an important societal concern that may affect the long-term health and well-being of not only the children, but also the adults they become;

WHEREAS, safe, stable and nurturing relationships and communities can break the cycle of abuse and maltreatment;

WHEREAS, child abuse prevention requires a coordinated and comprehensive response by all systems supporting children, youth and families (e.g., schools, law enforcement, health systems, faith-based organizations, and community programs);

WHEREAS, everyone has a stake in ensuring that children have access to the resources and supports they need to be safe, healthy and successful;

WHEREAS, suspected child abuse or neglect must immediately be reported to appropriate law enforcement authorities; and,

WHEREAS, we have identified child safety and family services to be a priority and hereby declare April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Joaquin County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools join the California State Board of Education in proclaiming the month of April 2016 as *Child Abuse Prevention Month* and encourages all educational communities to commemorate this occasion with appropriate instructional activities.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED, this 16th day of March 2016, by the following vote:

AYES: Dyk, Gebhardt, Sorgent, Thiel, Ottesen

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None



Janet A. Dyk, President
San Joaquin County Board of Education

ATTEST:



James A. Mousalimas, Secretary
San Joaquin County Board of Education



San Joaquin County Office of Education
James A. Mousalimas, County Superintendent of Schools

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History: January 31, 1974 marked the beginning of a new national response to the problem of child abuse and neglect with the signing of the first Federal child protection legislation (Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act) by President Nixon. This legislation provided Federal assistance to states for prevention, identification, and treatment programs and also created the National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect (now known as the Office on Child Abuse and Neglect).

In 1982, Congress resolved that June 6-12 be designated as the first National Child Abuse Prevention week and one year later, President Reagan proclaimed April to be the first National Child Abuse Prevention Month, a tradition that continues to this day.

In 1989, the **Blue Ribbon** campaign to prevent child abuse was created and serves to memorialize children who have been affected by child abuse and neglect through the wearing and/or display of a blue ribbon.



Purpose: National Child Abuse Prevention Month is a time to acknowledge the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect, and to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families.



During the month of April all communities are specifically encouraged to share child abuse and neglect prevention strategies and to continue these efforts throughout the year thus reducing incidences of child abuse and neglect within San Joaquin County.

Local Events:

Tuesday, April 12, 2016—9:00 AM, County Administration Building

San Joaquin Board of Supervisors will issue a proclamation designating the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, acknowledging that prevention remains the best defense for children and families.

Wednesday, April 20, 2016—8:00 AM to 3:00 PM, University of the Pacific

San Joaquin Children's Services Coordinating Commission will host the 16th Child Abuse Prevention Symposium in collaboration with the San Joaquin County Office of Education and the University of the Pacific.

Month of April – Child Abuse Prevention Council of San Joaquin County in collaboration with Human Services Agency will coordinate activities to raise awareness, as well as funds. These activities include Pennies for Prevention (in partnership with local school districts), Pinwheels for Prevention (which includes a rally at 25 elementary schools and an awareness campaign with partners such as Head Start San Joaquin, governmental agencies, community organizations, business leaders, and political leaders), and Positive Parenting messages (in collaboration with local school districts).

Resources:

Child Abuse Prevention Council of San Joaquin County

www.nochildabuse.org

209.464.4524

Community Partnership for Families

www.cpfjsj.org

209.444.4125

Women's Center Youth and Family Services

www.womenscenteryfs.org

209.941.2611

2-1-1 Community Resource Line for San Joaquin County (administered by Family Resource and Referral Center)

www.211sj.org

2-1-1 or 800.436.9997

Community Connections Resource Directory (managed by San Joaquin Delta College CalWORKS)

www.communityconnectionssjc.org



Recognizing Child Abuse and Your Duty to Report It