



## Child Abuse Prevention Month April 2025

WHEREAS, approximately three million children are reported abused and neglected in the United States each year; and its estimated that over 1,990 children died from abuse and neglect in a single year, **Five children die every day** from child abuse. **Sixty-Six (66.1%)** percent of all child fatalities were younger than **3 years old**. **81.8% of child fatalities** involve at least **one parent**. Of the children who died, **76.4% suffered child neglect**. Of the children who died, **42.1% suffered physical abuse** either exclusively or in combination with another maltreatment type.

WHEREAS, child abuse prevention is a community problem all citizens should become more aware of the effects of child abuse and its prevention, and finding solutions depends on the involvement of people throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, religious and civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, the business community and supporting parents in raising their children in safe and nurturing environments; and

WHEREAS, current local initiatives to prevent child abuse include: Lake County Children's Council and Building Resilient Lake County a countywide collaboration that developed a Comprehensive Prevention Plan, ACES Overcomers and education on Adverse Childhood Experiences, the Nurturing Families Program, Abriendo Puertas, Positive Indian Parenting, Differential Response, RCS and LCOE Wrap Around Services, MotherWise, LCTH Home Visitation Program, County of Lake California Home Visiting Program, LFRC Family Empowerment, the Science of the Positive and so many more.

WHEREAS, events being held for the month of April this year are the Pinwheel Garden Challenge, Children's Festival and Advocacy Walk, Children's Memorial Flag child abuse information will be shared through different media for the month. Other events recognizing April as child abuse prevention will be taking place later throughout the year.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Clearlake does hereby proclaim April 2025, as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in Clearlake and calls upon its citizens, community agencies, religious organizations, medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to prevent child abuse, thereby strengthening the community in which we live.

Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2025

Russ Cremer, Mayor