



CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, in the past year, Lake County Child Welfare Services received approximately 1500 reports of abuse or neglect. Currently, 72 children/youth from Lake County are placed outside their parent's home as a result of abuse or neglect.; and,

WHEREAS, over 4.2 million referrals are made to child protective services each year in the United States for child abuse and neglect; and it is estimated that over 7.5 million children are involved; and,

WHEREAS, child abuse prevention is a community problem. All citizens should become more aware of the effects of child abuse and its prevention; and,

WHEREAS, communities must make every effort to promote programs and activities that create strong and thriving children and families; 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: the Lake County Children's Council-Building Resilient Lake County a countywide collaboration, Nurturing Families Program, Family PRO-Differential Response, Prop 64 Family WRAP, RCS Wrap Around Services, Motherwise, PIP Positive Indian Parenting, Abriendo Puertas, MI Motivational Interviewing, and the Strengthening Families Protective Factors Framework;

WHEREAS, events scheduled for the month of April include the month long pinwheel garden challenge, the Children's Festivals on April 13th at Lakeport Library Park and April 27th at Austin Park in Clearlake, the Children's Memorial Flag Raising event, the LISA Project Exhibit, Motivational interviewing training, SOS Stamp Out Shame webinar, child abuse prevention education through various social media, and a children's art contest where winning art is displayed on placemats and shared through different food businesses in support of child abuse prevention month.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Clearlake hereby proclaims April 2024, as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in Clearlake.

Dated this 18th day of April, 2024

David Claffey, Mayor