



Child Abuse Prevention Month April 2022

WHEREAS, approximately three million children are reported abused and neglected in the United States each year; and its estimated that over 1,700 children died from abuse and neglect in a single year,

WHEREAS, our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future of the LakeCounty; 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 finding solutions depends on the involvement of people throughout the community; 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: Building Resilience a countywide collaboration, Adverse Childhood Experiences, Nurturing Families Program, Differential Response, RCS Wrap Around Services, Motherwise and the Protective Factors; and

WHEREAS, events being held for the month of April this year are the Pinwheel Challenge, and child abuse information is being shared on media for the month. April 23rd the advocacy walk and Children's festival will take place at Library Park in Lakeport.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Clearlake does hereby proclaim April 2022, 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 7th day of April, 2022

Dirk Slooten, Mayor