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Date: April 21, 2026

To: Gary Bridges, Chairman
Lassen County Board of Supervisors

From: Jayson Vial, Agency Director
Lassen County Health and Social Services

Subject: Proclamation:
Child Abuse Prevention Month – April 2026

Background:

Every child is born into a world filled with limitless possibilities and as a community, we must ensure our young people have the support they need to realize their enormous potential. Tragically, abuse and neglect erode this promise for many of our community's children each year. A strong, stable family is the best foundation for a promising childhood, and when parents and caregivers have support from loved ones, friends, and their community, they are more likely to provide safe and healthy environments for their children. The Lassen County Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC) is committed to strengthening our community's families and doing everything we can to make it easier for parents to care and provide for their children.

In April, we celebrate the love and courage it takes to raise a child; we reaffirm the fundamental human rights of all children to live free from violence and abuse; and we rededicate ourselves to ending the cycle of harm too many of our children face.

Fiscal Impact:

None

Action Requested:

- 1) Adopt the Proclamation

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NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH – APRIL 2026

WHEREAS, children are among Lassen County’s most vulnerable residents and represent the future of our community; and

WHEREAS, preventing child abuse and neglect means strengthening families, promoting positive childhood experiences, and ensuring children grow up in safe, stable, and nurturing environments; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect continue to pose serious threats to children across our state and nation, impacting their physical, emotional, and developmental well-being; and

WHEREAS, research shows that children who experience abuse or neglect are at greater risk for long-term health challenges, including depression, substance use, chronic disease, and involvement with the justice system; and

WHEREAS, positive childhood experiences—such as supportive relationships, safe environments, and strong community connections—can reduce the impact of trauma and promote lifelong resilience; and

WHEREAS, effective prevention efforts succeed through strong partnerships among families, social services, behavioral health, schools, law enforcement, community-based organizations, faith communities, and local government; and

WHEREAS, Lassen County recognizes the importance of family-strengthening approaches, including prevention services, Wraparound support, home visiting, and community-based programs that meet families where they are; and

WHEREAS, investing in prevention and early intervention is both compassionate and cost-effective, reducing the need for more intensive services such as foster care, law enforcement involvement, and long-term treatment; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect prevention are a shared responsibility, and meaningful change requires collaboration, awareness, and a commitment to supporting families before crises occur; and

WHEREAS, the blue pinwheel serves as a symbol of hope, reminding us that all children deserve the opportunity to grow up happy, healthy, and free from harm;

WHEREAS, the Board encourages all residents, community partners, and organizations to support efforts that strengthen families, promote child well-being, and prevent abuse and neglect; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lassen County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the month of April 2026 as **Child Abuse Prevention Month** in Lassen County and calls upon the community to recognize Child Abuse Prevention Month by displaying blue pinwheels as a symbol of hope, supporting activities that raise awareness and strengthen families, and by participating in local events, including the Children’s Memorial Service and flag raising on April 24, honoring children and reaffirming our commitment to prevention and community support.

The foregoing proclamation was adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Lassen, State of California, held on the 21st day of April 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

Gary Bridges
Chairman of the Board of Supervisors,
County of Lassen, State of California

ATTEST:
JULIE BUSTAMANTE
Clerk of the Board

By: _____
Michele Yderraga, Deputy Clerk of the Board

I, Michele Yderraga, Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Lassen, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the said Board of Supervisors at a regular meeting thereof held on the 21st day of April 2026.

Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Lassen