



# LASSEN COUNTY

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**Date:** April 9, 2019

**To:** Jeff Hemphill, Chairman  
Lassen County Board of Supervisors

**From:** Barbara Longo, Director  
Health and Social Services

**Subject:** Proclamation: Child Abuse Prevention Month April 2019

### 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.

Michelle Godman, MCAH Coordinator will make a brief presentation about the local CAPC and the activities planned for Child Abuse Prevention Month.

### Fiscal Impact:

There is no impact to County General Fund. The CAPC is funded with a combination of County Children's Fund #531-5310 reserves and revenues from the state Kids' Plate program and birth registration fees.

### Action Requested:

Adopt the Proclamation.

**PROCLAMATION BY THE  
LASSEN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
National Child Abuse Prevention Month  
April 2019**

**WHEREAS**, Child abuse and neglect continues to be a problem in Lassen County; and

**WHEREAS**, All adults and caregivers have a responsibility, as neighbors, community members and citizens of Lassen County to help create a healthy, safe and nurturing environment for children and youth; and

**WHEREAS**, Child abuse and neglect often occurs when families or caregivers find themselves in isolated or stressful situations, without community resources, and don't know how to cope; and

**WHEREAS**, The majority of child abuse cases stem from situations and conditions that are preventable when our communities are supportive, active and engaged; and

**WHEREAS**, Child abuse and neglect can be reduced by making sure every family has the support it needs and deserves to raise their children in a healthy environment; and

**WHEREAS**, Protective factors are conditions that reduce or eliminate risk and promote the social, emotional, and developmental well-being of children; and

**WHEREAS**, Effective prevention programs succeed because of meaningful connections and partnerships among agencies, schools, faith-based organizations, law enforcement agencies and the business community; and

**WHEREAS**, Lassen County Child Abuse Prevention Council provides a collaborative forum for the planning and implementation of family strengthening programs; and

**WHEREAS**, April 2019 is National Child Abuse Prevention Month and countywide efforts are planned to offer information and resources for the prevention of child abuse and the promotion of family strengthening;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Lassen County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim April 2019 as **National Child Abuse Prevention Month** in Lassen County and calls upon our community to observe this month by wearing blue ribbons or displaying pinwheels to serve as a positive reminder that together, we can prevent child abuse and strengthen families of Lassen County.

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Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

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