

Resolution Declaring April 2014 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Siskiyou County

Whereas, as a society, we have a responsibility to nurture and protect our children and help ensure they become healthy and productive adults; and

Whereas, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ranks child abuse among America's top public health crises; and

Whereas, scientific studies confirm a direct link between child abuse and a significantly greater risk later in life for alcohol and substance abuse, depression, eating disorders, obesity, sexual promiscuity, smoking, suicide, continued family violence and criminal behavior;

Whereas, a child is reported abused in California every minute of every day; and

Whereas, during periods of economic downturns, families are much more vulnerable and the incidence of abuse increases, across all segments of our society;

Whereas, child abuse and neglect can be reduced by making sure each family has the support they need in raising their children in a safe, nurturing environment;

Whereas, all members of the community have a role to play in strengthening families to ensure children are valued and supported; and

Whereas, all communities have the responsibility to offer parents the education, support and skills they need to provide healthy, safe and nurturing homes for their children.

Whereas, in Siskiyou County there are numerous committed agencies, parents, relatives, community volunteers, public policymakers and professionals who are collaborating their efforts to eliminate child abuse in the county and give our children hope, security and safety;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Siskiyou joins in declaring April to be "Child Abuse Prevention Month," and

In so declaring, Siskiyou County officials, employees and citizens are encouraged to join the important efforts of the Siskiyou Community Services Council, First 5 Siskiyou Children and Families Commission, Family Resource Centers, Family Support Agencies, and all partners serving children and families to work together to prevent child abuse and neglect and build healthy, safe and strong families and communities. Children succeed when their parents succeed — and families do better when they live in supportive communities.


PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors, on April 8, 2014 by the following vote:

Ayes: Supervisors Kobseff, Armstrong, Bennett, Criss and Valenzuela

Noes: NONE

Absent: NONE


Michael N. Kobseff, Chair, Board of Supervisors
County of Siskiyou

ATTEST:

Colleen Setzer,
County Clerk to the Board of Supervisors

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