

Proclamation

DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2023 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH IN THE CITY OF LAKEPORT

WHEREAS, over 3.6 million children are reported abused and neglected in the United States each year; and its estimated that over 1,750 children died from abuse and neglect in a single year; 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 12th is “Wear Blue for Children” day. April 15th in Lakeport at Library Park and April 29th at Austin Park in Clearlake will be the Children's Festival. Placemats are being placed at local businesses around the Lake that support the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the City Council of the City of Lakeport does hereby designate April 2023 as

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in the City of Lakeport, 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.

I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Lakeport to be affixed this 4th day of April 2023.

STACEY MATTINA, Mayor