

**Proclamation declaring April 2016 as “Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month” in
XXXXXXXXXX County**

WHEREAS, In 2013, 482,741 victims of child abuse or neglect were reported in California and X,XXX in XXXXXXXXXXXX County; and

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

WHEREAS, Safe and healthy childhoods help produce confident, successful and independent adults; 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 created between agencies, schools, faith-based organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and XXXXXXXXXXXX County's collaborative is among the most effective in the country, and;

WHEREAS, For XX years, CAPC NAME, a child abuse prevention agency, has served XXXXXXXXXXXX county as a Child Abuse Prevention Council; and

WHEREAS, Wearing the color blue, wearing a blue ribbon or displaying a pinwheel in April will serve as a positive reminder that together, we can prevent child abuse and keep children safe.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT the XXXXXXXX County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim April 2016 as Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month and urges all citizens to join CAPC NAME and its engaged partners, as they support each family's efforts to keep themselves and their children safe, healthy and in a nurturing environment.