

**DECLARING APRIL AS
“CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH”**

WHEREAS recognized each April, National Child Abuse Prevention Month provides an opportunity to share the importance of individuals and communities working together to keep families safe and healthy; and

WHEREAS, in 2025, Marin County received 1,050 referrals of child abuse reported to Children and Family Services’ hotline, with 325 reports of child abuse requiring in-person investigations; and

WHEREAS, an estimated one in four children in the United States experience abuse or neglect; and

WHEREAS, while abuse and neglect can occur in all types of families, certain factors increase the risk to children, including substance abuse, poverty, domestic violence, and parenting stress; and

WHEREAS, the majority of children with substantiated cases of abuse experience general neglect; most often resulting from a parent or guardian’s inability to provide adequate food, shelter, or supervision rather than physical abuse; and

WHEREAS, effective prevention and intervention strategies to address child abuse require coordination across many sectors of the community; and

WHEREAS, when our systems of care are mobilized together, they are best positioned to support and protect our most vulnerable residents within a nurturing and resilient community environment; and

WHEREAS, the Marin County Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC) is a robust and active network of community-based organizations and public agencies working collaboratively to advance countywide prevention strategies that strengthen supportive and resilient communities.

WHEREAS, although April is designated as Child Abuse prevention month, the commitment to preventing child abuse must be sustained every day throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, all children in Marin County have a right to be raised in a safe and secure environment that prepares them for a future of opportunities and promise; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that

1. The Marin County Board of Supervisors recognizes **April** as “**Child Abuse Prevention Month**” and calls on our community to bring their attention to this critical issue and to support programs that promote the safety and security of children.
2. The Board of Supervisors calls on local agencies to continue their cooperative efforts to the fullest extent to address and prevent child abuse in Marin.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held this 7th day of April 2026.