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**Proclaim April as Child Abuse Prevention Month**

Child abuse and neglect can occur in all cultural, ethnic, and socio-economic groups, affecting victims, families, and communities.

To help raise public awareness and to encourage the public to recognize and report child abuse, federal and local jurisdictions proclaim the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

In proclaiming April as “Child Abuse Prevention Month” in Los Angeles County, the Board of Supervisors joins the Inter-Agency Council on Child Abuse and Neglect (ICAN), ICAN Associates, the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), and other County departments to promote the prevention of child abuse and neglect and to bring hope and inspiration to children and families.

Additionally, the COVID-19 pandemic affected children in many ways this year, increasing their isolation and risk, and preventing them from school experiences. To assist with increasing public awareness, thousands of children across Los Angeles

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County have expressed their concern and ideas through art by participating in the annual ICAN Associates Child Abuse Prevention Month Poster Art contest. This included the ICAN Children's PosterArt contest. These activities are some of the many ways ICAN is engaging the community and raising public awareness about this critical issue.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors proclaim the month of April 2021 as “Child Abuse Prevention Month” throughout the County of Los Angeles to raise public awareness of the devastating impact of child abuse and neglect, and to recognize the efforts of professionals and volunteers who work to prevent harm to children and to promote the joy and well-being of children and families.

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