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**Proclaim Los Angeles County Home Visiting Day**

In September 1997, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) initiated a pilot Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) program in collaboration with the California Hospital Medical Center. In 2009, First 5 LA launched the Welcome Baby Program to provide light-touch home visits. In 2014, First 5 LA began funding two more evidence-based home visiting models, Healthy Families America (HFA) and Parents As Teachers (PAT). Today over seven home visiting models, including NFP, HFA, PAT, Welcome Baby, Early Head Start, MAMA’s Neighborhood, Partnerships for Families, and home-grown models, serve families in Los Angeles County.

Since 2012, the Los Angeles County Perinatal and Early Childhood Home Visitation Consortium came together to advocate for free, high-quality home visiting services to support and strengthen expectant and parenting families. Goals of home visiting are optimal birth outcomes, elimination of birth outcome inequality, and healthy infant/child development, particularly in communities facing economic hardship and/or social marginalization. The purpose of this proclamation is to bring awareness to the benefits associated with home visiting such as reduced family stress, improved family

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mental health, strengthened parent-infant attachment, improved child development, reduced child abuse, and connections to community resources that help parents have healthy births and give their children the best start. The Board of Supervisors recognizes the evidence base demonstrating the positive effects home visiting has on parents and young children.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Proclaim April 8, 2022 Home Visiting Day in Los Angeles County. The Los Angeles County Perinatal and Early Childhood Home Visitation Consortium encourages all residents to recognize the incredibly positive impact that home visiting can have on child development, parenting, and overall health outcomes. They encourage all expectant and parenting families to visit the e-directory to learn more about which home visiting service is best suited for them ([eDirectory.HomeVisitingLA.org](http://eDirectory.HomeVisitingLA.org)).
2. Direct all County Departments, particularly the Departments of Public Health, Children & Family Services, Health Services, Mental Health, and Public Social Services, to use outreach materials developed by the Los Angeles County Perinatal and Early Childhood Home Visitation Consortium and the Department of Public Health to provide clients with home visiting information and assist with client referrals to home visiting programs.

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