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Child abuse and neglect impacts children and families from all cultural, ethnic and socioenomic groups, leaving lasting scars on victims and communities; and 162,711 cases of child abuse and neglect were reported to the Department of Children and Family Services in Los Angeles County in 2006, and countless children are suffering permanent mental and physical disabilities as a result of physical, mental and sexual abuse. Parents who abuse and neglect their children were very often victims of child abuse themselves. Bringing public focus to the tragedy of child abuse and neglect assists in creating an atmosphere conducive to preventing child abuse, protecting children and helping parents. The Board of Supervisors wishes to recognize the dedication of professionals and volunteers involved in efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect in Los Angeles County.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors proclaim the month of April 2007 as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" throughout Los Angeles County, and urges all residents to take this opportunity to educate themselves on this important issue of public concern.

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