

# Resolution

## MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

### RESOLUTION NUMBER 17-18-39

*Proclaiming April as*

## *Child Abuse Prevention Month*

*April 1-31, 2018*

**WHEREAS**, **Child Abuse Prevention Month**, declared by presidential proclamation in 1983, highlights the importance of families, schools, and communities working together to ensure children feel safe and protected and to address child abuse, as well as child trafficking, by immediately responding to and reporting suspected abuse or neglect to appropriate law enforcement authorities; and

**WHEREAS**, children are our most precious resource and **Child Abuse Prevention Month** is a time to acknowledge the importance of community members working together to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and to ensure children have access to the resources and supports they need to be safe and healthy; and

**WHEREAS**, child abuse occurs at every socioeconomic level, across ethnic and cultural lines, within all religions, and at all levels of education; and

**WHEREAS**, the Monterey County Office of Education serves many children at high risk of being abused or exploited, and the Monterey County Board of Education has made it a goal to organize and support training and outreach efforts to raise prevention awareness surrounding child abuse and trafficking within our school districts and our communities; and

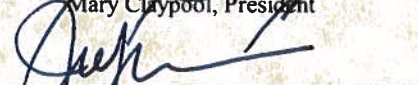
**WHEREAS**, child safety is of the upmost importance and the Monterey County Board of Education commends the collaborative efforts that have made great progress to identify and find solutions to improve the safety and well-being of all children; and

**WHEREAS**, the Monterey County Board of Education honors those with a mission to strengthen families and communities, who work together to build a stronger, safer society for all children, and those who initiate, coordinate, and lead efforts to prevent, report, and respond to child abuse and neglect:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Monterey County Board of Education does hereby adopt Resolution Number 17-18-39 to recognize the month of April 2018 as **Child Abuse Prevention Month** and calls upon agencies, organizations, schools, and the public to observe this month by coordinating child abuse and neglect prevention and awareness efforts, programs, and activities.

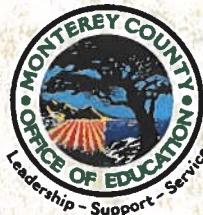
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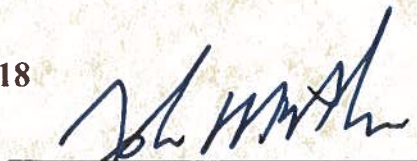
  
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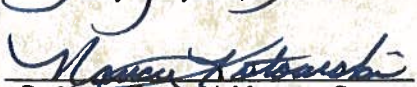
  
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