

# The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

**In the matter of: Proclaiming April 2024 as National Child Abuse Prevention Month in Contra Costa County**

Resolution No. 2024-138

**WHEREAS**, every child deserves to grow up in a safe, nurturing environment free from abuse, neglect, and exploitation; and

**WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect affect children of all ages, races, and income, and finding solutions requires everyone's continued attention, advocacy, and action; and

**WHEREAS**, child abuse is preventable and it is our responsibility to continue providing support to families, caregivers, and community members who can help prevent child maltreatment and ensure early intervention when needed; and

**WHEREAS**, our children are our most valuable resources who will shape the future of Contra Costa County, therefore the welfare and protection of children are paramount to the well-being of our communities and our society as a whole; and

**WHEREAS**, during Fiscal Year 2022-23, the number of reports to the Child Protective Services (CPS) hotline in Contra Costa County was 20,499 with timely completion of CPS investigations occurring 97% of the time, higher than the state average; and, during the same year, Children and Family Services coordinated foster care for 950 children, and had 1364 open cases; and

**WHEREAS**, in Contra Costa County, the Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC) and Child Protective Services (CPS), a program of Children & Family Services within the Employment and Human Services Department, collaborate to continue protecting children through preventive services, response, intervention, and investigation; and

**WHEREAS**, effective child abuse prevention activities succeed because of the partnerships between child welfare professionals, education, health, community- and faith-based organizations, businesses, law enforcement agencies, and families, and these collaborations help eliminate child maltreatment, giving our children hope, security, and safety; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby proclaims April 2024 as Child Abuse Prevention Month, urging all residents, community organizations, educators, healthcare professionals, law enforcement agencies, and government officials to dedicate themselves to improving the quality of life for all children and families, and to preventing child abuse in Contra Costa County.

*PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024.*



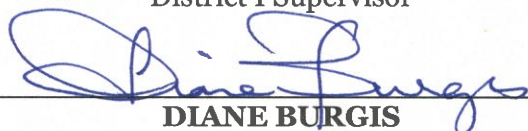
**FEDERAL D. GLOVER**  
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District V Supervisor



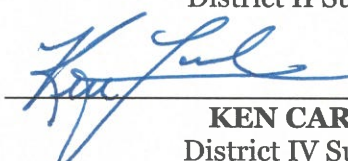
**JOHN GIOIA**  
District I Supervisor



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District II Supervisor



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District III Supervisor



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District IV Supervisor



I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown:

ATTESTED: April 9, 2024

MONICA NINO, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and County Administrator

By  , Deputy