## The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of: Proclaiming April 2025 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Resolution No. 2025-95

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 2023-24, the number of reports to the Child Protective Services (CPS) hotline in Contra Costa County was 19,719 with timely completion of CPS investigations occurring 98% of the time, higher than the state average, and Children and Family Services coordinated services for 887 children; 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 2025 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 1st day of April 2025.

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Chair,

District II Supervisor

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District I Supervisor

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District III Supervisor