

Proclamation of the County of Tehama

Designating April 2025 as

Child Abuse Prevention Month

WHEREAS, child abuse is a devastating problem; in 2023 there were 49,756 children with substantiated allegations of abuse or neglect in the State, of those 146 were from Tehama County. Based on data available from the California Department of Social Services and the California Child Welfare Indicators Project, 98 children died due to abuse or neglect in California in 2024; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect are a serious problem affecting every segment of our community, and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone; and

WHEREAS, our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future of Tehama County; and

WHEREAS, child abuse can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that have lasting consequences for victims of abuse; and

WHEREAS, protective factors are conditions that reduce or eliminate risk and promote the social, emotional, and developmental well-being of children; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention activities succeed because of the partnerships created between child welfare professionals, education, health, community- and faith-based organizations, businesses, law enforcement agencies, and families; and

WHEREAS, communities must make every effort to promote programs and activities that create strong and thriving children and families; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and contribute to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, Tehama County 4 Kids (Child Abuse Prevention Council) calls on Tehama County communities to support our families and acknowledge that prevention remains the best defense for our children and families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, _____, [Title and jurisdiction], do hereby proclaim April 2025 as NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH in Tehama County and urge all citizens to recognize this month by dedicating ourselves to the task of improving the quality of life for all children and families.