

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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**FROM: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES**

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
April 5, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Proclamation declaring the month of April 2011 to be Child Abuse Prevention Month

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors declare April 2011 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the County of Riverside and approve the attached proclamation.

**BACKGROUND:**

Child Abuse remains a serious problem in our communities. Successful prevention and intervention require the commitment of the entire community to nurture the growth of safe and stable families and ensure the welfare of future generations.

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Stanley L. Sniff, Jr., Sheriff-Coroner-PA  
Riverside County Sheriff's Department

Douglas D. Bagley, Hospital Director  
Riverside County Regional Medical Center

Paul Zellerbach, District Attorney  
Riverside County District Attorney's Office

Susan Loew, Director  
Department of Public Social Services

<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0	In Current Year Budget:	No
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	Yes
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	10-11

**SOURCE OF FUNDS:**

Federal Funding: 0% State Funding: 0%; County Funding: 0%; Realignment Funding: 0%; Other Funding: 0%

Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:**

APPROVE

BY:   
Debra Cournoyer

**County Executive Office Signature**

☐ Policy  
☐ Policy  
☒ Consent  
☒ Consent

Dep't Recomm.:  
 Per Exec. Ofc.:

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 04/06/10 (2.19)

District: All

Agenda Number:

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**BACKGROUND (Continued):**

In the United States, approximately 693,174 children were found to be victims of child abuse or neglect in 2009 (U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Children's Bureau Child Maltreatment Report 2009). In Riverside County, 58,528 calls were made to the Child Abuse Hotline, resulting in 19,685 child abuse investigations.

DPSS, District Attorney's Office, Sheriff's Department, Riverside County Regional Medical Center, and Prevent Child Abuse Riverside County have formed a collaborative effort to promote the prevention of child abuse as well as respond to incidents of child abuse.

The County currently contracts with community-based, non-profit organizations. These organizations provide services to reduce the incidence of child abuse by helping parents resolve their issues with substance abuse, domestic violence, parenting skills, education, homemaking, and basic living skills. The County also provides prevention and early intervention services to prevent problems from intensifying, thereby reducing the need to remove children from their homes in order to ensure their safety.

It truly takes an entire community to raise and ensure the well being of a child. DPSS, RCRMC, DA, and the Sheriff's Department are proud to work with its community partners, and the many private citizens, whose efforts help to make Riverside County a safer place for our children. In support of these efforts and to increase community awareness of these issues, we join in asking the Riverside County Board of Supervisors to proclaim April 2011 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

**ATTACHMENT:** Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation

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PROCLAMATION  
CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH  
APRIL 2011

WHEREAS, children deserve a safe, stable and permanent home in order to become productive members of our society; and

WHEREAS, child abuse is found in families of all social and economic classes and every racial and ethnic group; and

WHEREAS, child abuse impacts the entire community and finding solutions depends on community involvement to nurture family growth and inspire future generations; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, medical communities, religious organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and

WHEREAS, through the continued work of volunteers, parents, community partners, policy makers and professionals, child abuse may be eradicated, giving our children a bright, successful future; and

WHEREAS, all citizens should become more aware of child abuse and its prevention within the community, and become more involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, Prevent Child Abuse Riverside County, Department of Public Social Services, District Attorney's Office, Riverside County Regional Medical Center, and the Riverside County Sheriff's Department have formed a collaborative effort to devote resources to and efforts throughout the year that focus on the prevention and response to child abuse; and

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN, that the BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, does hereby proclaim the month of April 2011 as CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH and urges all its residents to become more aware of this National, State and Countywide issue, and do what they can to prevent child abuse in their communities.

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First District, Chairman

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Second District, Vice-Chairman

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