

**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 10, 2012

SUBJECT: Proclamation declaring the month of April 2012 to be Child Abuse Prevention Month.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors declare April 2012 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 requires 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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Departmental Concurrence

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

FINANCIAL DATA	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:	11-12

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

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BACKGROUND (Continued):

In the United States, approximately 688,251 children were found to be victims of child abuse or neglect in 2010, of which 76,758 were from California (U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Children's Bureau Child Maltreatment Report 2010). In 2010, 58,528 calls were made in Riverside County to the Child Abuse Hotline, resulting in the investigation of 19,643 families and 39,202 children.

The Department of Public Social Services (DPSS), the District Attorney's (DA) Office, the Sheriff's Department (RSD), Riverside County Regional Medical Center (RCRMC), and Prevent Child Abuse Riverside County (PCARC) 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, DA, RCRMC, RSD, and PCARC are proud to work with the many community partners and 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 2012 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

ATTACHMENT: Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation

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PROCLAMATION
CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH
APRIL 2012

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, the Department of Public Social Services, the District Attorney's Office, the Riverside County Sheriff's Department, the Riverside County Regional Medical Center, and Prevent Child Abuse Riverside County 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 2012 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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