



## **RESOLUTION #21-05**

### **In Recognition of National Child Abuse Prevention Month**

**WHEREAS**, child safety is of the utmost importance; and

**WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect is 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 Santa Cruz County and beyond; and

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

**WHEREAS**, in California the largest number of suspected child abuse reports are made by teachers, who during the year-long COVID19 pandemic, are having much less direct contact with students due to the use of distance learning and thus it is thought that thousands of cases of child abuse may go unreported; and

**WHEREAS**, protective factors are conditions that reduce or eliminate risk and promote the social, emotional, and developmental well-being of children and cultivate relationships that are based on dignity, respect, equity, and compassion; 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**, prevention remains the best defense for our children and families;

**Santa Cruz County Board of Education**

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April 15, 2021

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Santa Cruz Board of Education does hereby proclaim April 2021 as NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH and urge all members of the Santa Cruz County educational community to recognize this month by dedicating ourselves to the task of improving the quality of life for all children and families.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Santa Cruz County Board of Education, County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this day, the 15th day, of April, 2021 by the following vote:

**AYES:** Acosta, Nichols, Roth, Sanchez, Van Allen, Wall, Filicetti

**NOES:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT:**



Rose Filicetti, President

**ATTEST:**



Dr. Faris Sabbah  
County Superintendent of Schools  
Secretary, Santa Cruz County Board of Education