



RESOLUTION #22-09

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;

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Santa Cruz County Board of Education
April 21, 2022

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Cruz County Board of Education does hereby proclaim April 2022 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 21st day, of April, 2022 by the following vote:

AYES: Acosta, Alto, Filicetti, Nichols, Roth, Sanchez, Van Allen

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:



Abel Sanchez, President

ATTEST:



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