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Student Trustee: Natalie Hofkins and Ruben Marcus

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**RESOLUTION #25-07**  
**IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

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

**WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect are serious problems 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**, 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 promoting 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  
March 20, 2025

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Santa Cruz County Board of Education does hereby proclaim April 2025 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 20th day of March 2025, by the following vote:

**AYES:** Estrada, Larson, Roth, Williams  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** Van Allen  
**ABSENT:** Acosta, Sanchez



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Edward Estrada, Board Vice-President  
Santa Cruz County Board of Education



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