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Mr. Abel Sanchez • Mr. Bruce Van Allen • Ms. Rachel Williams

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RESOLUTION #26-12
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 includes education, awareness, and supportive environments that promote the safety and well-being of children; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz County Office of Education supports child safety through annual mandated reporter training, established child abuse reporting procedures, and coordination with the County of Santa Cruz Family and Children's Services Division; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Cruz County Board of Education does hereby proclaim April 2026 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 19th day of March 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: Kyle, Larson, Roth, Sanchez, Van Allen, Williams

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Acosta

ABSTAIN: None

Rachel Williams

Rachel Williams, Board President
Santa Cruz County Board of Education

Faris Sabbah

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