

# Resolution No. 2013-39

## RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING APRIL 2013 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH AND SUPPORTING THE CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION COUNCIL'S BLUE RIBBON CAMPAIGN

**WHEREAS**, child abuse is a national tragedy with hundreds of thousands of victims of substantiated abuse or neglect recorded annually in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, across the United States, a report of child abuse or neglect is made every 10 seconds, with more than 5 children dying from abuse every day, 80% of whom are under the age of 5; and

**WHEREAS**, scientific studies confirm a direct link between child abuse and a significantly greater risk later in life of alcoholism, depression, drug abuse, eating disorders, obesity, sexual promiscuity, smoking, suicide and certain chronic diseases; and

**WHEREAS**, in Solano County, 5,357 children were involved in about 3,700 reports of suspected child abuse and neglect in 2011/12, with reports of 538 of those children substantiated; and

**WHEREAS**, the effects of child abuse are felt by whole communities and need to be addressed by the entire community, and finding solutions depends on involvement among people throughout the community; and

**WHEREAS**, to help ensure the health, safety and well-being of our children, our communities must also be committed to supporting and strengthening families; and


**WHEREAS**, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of collaborative partnerships created among the courts, social service agencies, schools, religious organizations, law enforcement agencies, community organizations, medical institutions, and the business community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Solano County Child Abuse Prevention Council and the Children's Network along with the Family Resource Center Network are sponsoring the Solano Blue Ribbon Campaign to heighten awareness of the need to support families and reduce child abuse and neglect; and

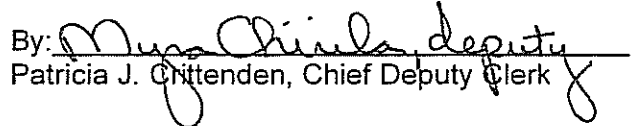
**WHEREAS**, all Solano County residents should become more aware of child abuse and its prevention within the community and become involved in supporting parents and other caregivers to raise their children in safe, nurturing environments.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes April 2013 as Child Abuse Prevention Month and calls upon all residents to increase their participation in efforts to support the health and well-being of young children and help prevent child abuse, thereby strengthening our communities.

Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2013

  
LINDA J. SEIFERT, Chair  
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:  
BIRGITTA E. CORSELLO, Clerk  
Solano County Board of Supervisors

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