Resolution No. 2025-53

RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCLAIMING APRIL 2025 AS "CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH" IN SOLANO COUNTY

WHEREAS, Solano County is committed to the improvement of health and wellness of all those who live and work in our community and acknowledges the health, safety, and well-being of young children in Solano County as critical components of the Solano County Board of Supervisors' strategic plan; and

WHEREAS, the Solano County Child Abuse Prevention Council is sponsoring the Blue-Ribbon Campaign in recognition of National Child Abuse Prevention Month to promote public awareness of the abuse and neglect of children, and the resources available to strengthen and support families; and

WHEREAS, across America, National Court Appointed Special Advocates and guardian ad litem (CASA/GAL) Association and its local member organizations set aside a day in April as Children's Light of Hope Day to recognize and acknowledge the CASA volunteers, foster and adoptive parents who have opened their hearts and homes to abused and neglected children in our community; and

WHEREAS, Children's Memorial Flag Day is recognized in the United States by the Child Welfare League of America on the fourth Friday of April as a way of memorializing the thousands of children who die each year, and as a day to raise awareness about the continuing problem of violence against children; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects and are serious problems affecting every segment of our community; and

WHEREAS, finding solutions requires input and action from everyone as our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future of Solano County; and

WHEREAS, protective factors are conditions that reduce or eliminate risk and promote the social, emotional, and developmental well-being of children; 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, 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 safe, stable, and nurturing environments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the month of April 2025 as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in Solano County and urges all citizens to recognize this month by improving the quality of life for all children and families in Solano County.

Dated this 1st day of April 2025

MITCH H. MASHBURN, Chair Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

BILL EMLEN, Clerk

Solano County Board of Supervisors

By: Alicia Draves, Chief Deputy Clerk