

Resolution No. 2012-045

**RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DECLARING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2012 AS
CHILDREN'S MONTH, RECOGNIZING CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH AND
SUPPORTING THE CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION COUNCIL'S BLUE RIBBON CAMPAIGN**

WHEREAS, the health and well-being of young children in Solano County are critical components of the Solano County Board of Supervisors' strategic plan; and

WHEREAS, public policies that support healthy early development for all young children are crucial to young children's future success in school and as productive members of the community; 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, 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, statistics of children who are abused and neglected escalate each year, in Solano County, over 5,696 reports and 729 substantiated cases of suspected child abuse were made to Child Protective Services in 2010; 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, 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; and

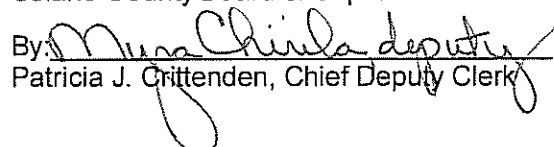
WHEREAS, community partners including the Solano County Child Abuse Prevention Council the Children's Network of Solano County, the Solano County Local Child Care Planning Council, Solano Family and Children's Services, First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission, Solano County Health and Social Services Department, Solano Probation Department/Office of Family Violence Prevention, Solano County Library, Travis Air Force Base and others have joined together to expand awareness of young children's issues by promoting "April Children's Month" and "Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month" through public education and community events.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors hereby declares April 2012 as April Children's Month, recognizes April 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 3rd day of April, 2012


LINDA J. SEIFERT, Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors

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

By: 
Patricia J. Crittenden, Chief Deputy Clerk