



THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING APRIL 2026 AS

Child Abuse Prevention Month

WHEREAS, National **Child Abuse Prevention Month** is recognized in the United States during the month of April to focus attention on the fact that child abuse and neglect are community problems that require community commitment and response; and

WHEREAS, child maltreatment often occurs when families face stress without community resources, support, or connections to navigate challenges, including economic hardship and other circumstances that increase vulnerability; and

WHEREAS, in calendar year 2025, San Mateo County Children and Family Services received approximately 4,800 reports of child abuse and neglect and just over 2% required child welfare case level intervention, underscoring the importance of prevention, early response, and community support for families; and

WHEREAS, all children and youth in San Mateo County have the right to be free from mistreatment, abuse and neglect, and to grow and prosper in safe homes, schools, and communities; and

WHEREAS, all residents, service providers, and policymakers can play a role in preventing child abuse and neglect by strengthening supports for families, promoting protective factors, reducing the stigma to accessing mental health services, providing quality child care and early education, supporting home visiting, post-natal and maternal health programs, and investing in culturally responsive and trauma-informed systems of care.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates the month of April 2026 as **Child Abuse Prevention Month** to raise awareness, target resources and advocate for ongoing supports to prevent child abuse and neglect in San Mateo County and furthermore directs that the Children's Memorial Flag be raised at County Center on April 24, 2026 through April 30, 2026 in remembrance of the children who have lost their lives to violence.

Dated: April 21, 2026

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