

PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF

APRIL 2013

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

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**WHEREAS**, National Child Abuse Prevention Month will be recognized throughout the United States during the month of April 2013 and preventing child abuse and neglect is a community problem that depends on involvement among people throughout the community; and

**WHEREAS**, child maltreatment occurs when people find themselves in stressful situations, without community resources, and don't know how to cope. During periods of economic challenges, families feel more vulnerable, and as a result child abuse and neglect increases drastically; and

**WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect can be reduced by making sure each family has the support they need to raise their children in a healthy environment; and

**WHEREAS**, child abuse is considered to be one of our nation's most serious public health problems, with scientific studies documenting the link between the abuse and neglect of children and a wide range of medical, emotional, psychological and behavioral disorders; and

**WHEREAS**, all citizens should become involved in supporting families in raising their children in a safe and nurturing environment, and effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among state and local government agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates the month of April 2013 as Child Abuse Prevention Month and urge all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening our community.

**Dated: April 9, 2013**

SUPERVISORS:

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**DON HORSLEY, President**

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**ADRIENNE J. TISSIER**

Attest:

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Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors