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**NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**Board Agenda Memo**

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**MEETING DATE:** March 27, 2018  
**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** **Mike Dent**  
**SUBJECT:** Resolution proclaiming April 2018 as Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month in Nevada County.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:** N/A

**BACKGROUND:**

April is recognized nationally as Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month. Nevada County is making a community wide effort to recognize our collective responsibility to prevent and confront all forms of child abuse and neglect in a consistent and effective manner. Child abuse is completely preventable, with the help of everyone within the community, we can continue to provide services to ensure that all children in Nevada County are safe and getting their needs met on a continual basis.

Nevada County Child Protective Services received 1387 child abuse and neglect reports in 2017. Over 20% of these referrals resulted in findings of some form of abuse and/or neglect. Frequently these referrals are opened into Voluntary Family Maintenance, Court Ordered Family Maintenance, or Family Reunification cases.

Through prevention and early intervention services many of these families are able to improve the health and well-being of their families. The Child Abuse Prevention Council of Nevada County (CAPCNC) is committed to the well-being and safety of children. They do this through:

- Coordination of agencies serving children and families, in collaboration with the Community Support Network and the Child Abuse Prevention Council.
- Identification of gaps, needs, strengths and areas of improvement related to services.
- Coordination of local trainings for service providers and community members such as Mandated Reporter Trainings.
- Community awareness campaigns.
- Serving as the advisory body for the usage of Office of Child Abuse Prevention Funds in Nevada County.
- Assisting in the creation of the Children's Bill of Rights for Nevada County.

It is recommended the Board approve the attached Resolution proclaiming April 2018 Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month and urge all citizens to recognize this month by dedicating ourselves to the task of improving the quality of life for all children and families.

**Item Initiated and Approved by:** Mike Dent, MPA, Director of Social Services