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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: April 9, 2019
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: **Tex Ritter**
SUBJECT: Resolution proclaiming April 2019 as Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month in Nevada County.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: N/A

BACKGROUND:

April is recognized nationally as Child Abuse 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 Welfare Services received 1,647 child abuse and neglect reports in 2018. 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.

- Community awareness campaigns.
- Assisting in the creation of the Children's Bill of Rights for Nevada County.

Item Initiated by: Nicholas Ready

Approved by: Tex Ritter, JD, Director of Social Services