

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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## **NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**BOARD AGENDA MEMO** 

MEETING DATE: April 8, 2025

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

FROM: Heidi Hall, District 1

SUBJECT: Resolution proclaiming April 2025 as Child Abuse and

**Neglect Prevention Month in Nevada County** 

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approved 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. Child abuse is completely preventable and with the help of our community, we can ensure that all children in Nevada County are safe and healthy.

Nevada County Child Welfare Services (CWS) received 1,339 child abuse and neglect reports in 2024 leading to 485 investigations. Some of these investigations are opened into Rapid Response Team referrals, Voluntary Family Maintenance cases, Court Ordered Family Maintenance cases, or Family Reunification cases. These parents and families are provided services including mental health treatment, parenting classes, substance abuse treatment, case management, housing assistance, linkage to county assistance programs, and many others.

With prevention and early intervention services, most families improve their health and well-being. CWS works closely with the Child Abuse Prevention Council of Western Nevada County (CAPCWNC) to support prevention efforts in our community. CAPCWNC is committed to the well-being and safety of children. They achieve this by:

- 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.

Therefore, I request the Board approve the attached Resolution proclaiming April 2025 as Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month and urge all citizens to dedicate themselves to the task of improving the quality of life for all children and families.

Sincerely,

Heidi Hall, District 1 Supervisor