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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: April 7, 2026

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Rachel Peña, Social Services Director

SUBJECT: Resolution proclaiming April 2026 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 and Neglect Prevention Month. Nevada County is joining communities across the country in reaffirming our shared responsibility to prevent and address all forms of child abuse and neglect. Child abuse is preventable, and by working together we can help ensure that every child in Nevada County is safe, supported, and able to thrive.

Nevada County Child Welfare Services (CWS) responds to reports of suspected abuse and neglect and conducts investigations when necessary to ensure children's safety. When concerns are identified, families may be connected to a range of supportive services tailored to their needs. These services can include mental health treatment, parenting education, substance use treatment, case management, housing assistance, and connections to other county and community resources.

With prevention and early intervention, many families strengthen their stability and improve their overall 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 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 training for service providers and community members.
- Community awareness campaigns.
- 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 2026 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.

Approved by: Rachel Peña, LCSW Director of Social Services