

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: COMMUNITY SERVICES AGENCY

BOARD AGENDA # *A-6(a)

Urgent Routine X

AGENDA DATE APRIL 10, 2001

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO X

SUBJECT:

PROCLAMATION OF THE MONTH OF APRIL 2001 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION
MONTH AND APRIL 27, 2001 AS CHILDREN'S MEMORIAL DAY.

STAFF
RECOMMEN-
DATIONS:

1. PROCLAMATION OF THE MONTH OF APRIL 2001 AS CHILD ABUSE
PREVENTION MONTH.
2. PROCLAMATION OF APRIL 27, 2001 AS CHILDREN'S MEMORIAL DAY.

FISCAL
IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this agenda item.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2001-241

On motion of Supervisor Blom, Seconded by Supervisor Caruso
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: Mayfield, Blom, Simon, Caruso, and Chair Paul

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) X Approved as recommended

2) Denied

3) Approved as amended

Motion:

ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

Christine Ferraro
By: Deputy

File No.

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DISCUSSION: The Governor and the California Legislature have proclaimed April as Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month, calling attention to the special role that the Community Services Agency and its community partners play in child abuse prevention.

The statistics of children who are abused and neglected escalate each year. In 1999, more than 3.2 million children were reported to child protective agencies in the United States as having suffered abuse and neglect. It is estimated that at least six dollars are saved for every three dollars spent on child abuse and neglect prevention. These saved dollars could be spent on child welfare services, special education services, medical care, and counseling to further reduce child abuse. Child abuse is a community problem and finding solutions depends on involvement by whole communities.

Effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among families, community agencies, schools, religious organizations, law enforcement agencies and the business community. Prevention programs offer positive alternatives for young people and encourage youth to develop strong ties to their communities. All residents of Stanislaus County should become more aware of child abuse and its prevention and become involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment. The Agency desires to bring to the attention of all citizens the importance of child abuse prevention that includes services provided in collaboration with the Departments of Probation, Health Services Agency, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services and our many community partners.

The blue ribbon is the national symbol of Child Abuse Prevention Awareness. We encourage all citizens to wear or display blue ribbons during the month of April to promote awareness of Child Abuse and Neglect throughout the community.

In 1998, CWLA and Alameda County launched a national public campaign to heighten awareness of increasing violence against children by developing the Children's Memorial Flag and asking State Governments and CWLA members to fly the flag on the fourth Friday of April. This past April, on the fourth Friday of the month, 35 governors, 35 mayors and numerous organizations across the country participated by flying the Children's Memorial Flag. Locally, the flag was flown by the Community Services Agency, the Department of Mental Health and the District Attorney's Office as a way of acknowledging needless child deaths and committing to do more to protect children

The Community Services Agency is recommending that April 27, 2001 be proclaimed Children's Memorial Day and that the Community Services Agency and other interested departments be authorized to fly the commemorative flag.

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POLICY
ISSUE:

Proclaiming April as Child Abuse Prevention Month and April 27, 2001 as Children's Memorial Day promotes community awareness of Child Abuse and Neglect and confirms the Agency's effort to meet the Board's priority of safe, healthy communities.

STAFFING
IMPACT:

None.

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED:

PROCLAMATION
STANISLAUS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
THE MONTH OF APRIL 2001 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH AND
APRIL 27, 2001 AS CHILDREN'S MEMORIAL DAY.

WHEREAS, statistics of children who are abused and neglected escalate each year;

WHEREAS, child abuse prevention is a community problem and finding solutions depends on involvement among people throughout the community;

WHEREAS, the effects of child abuse are felt by whole communities, and need to be addressed by the entire community;

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among the Community Services Agency, schools, religious organizations, law enforcement agencies and the business community;

WHEREAS, youth-serving prevention programs offer positive alternatives for young people and encourage youth to develop strong ties to their communities;

WHEREAS, all residents of Stanislaus County should become more aware of child abuse and its prevention within the community, and become involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment;

WHEREAS, the Children's Memorial Day Flag honors the memory of children who have been victimized by violence and raises public awareness of this tragedy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Stanislaus, State of California, does hereby proclaim April 2001 as Stanislaus County Child Abuse Prevention Month and April 27, 2001 as Children's Memorial Day. BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the Community Services Agency and all other interested County departments are hereby authorized to fly the Children's Memorial Flag on April 27, 2001.

ATTEST: REAGAN M. WILSON, Clerk
Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors,
State of California,

Christine Ferraro

By: Deputy

File No.