



# BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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## LOCKYER PRESENTS PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL "CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH"

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OAKLAND—Alameda County Supervisor Nadia Lockyer announced today that the Alameda County Board of Supervisors voted to declare April "Child Abuse Prevention Month" to bring attention to the serious and growing problem of child abuse.

The proclamation asks parents to reach out for help when needed to ensure that our children "grow and prosper in a nurturing and loving home environment and community setting." The United States Centers for Disease Control has now ranked child abuse as America's number-one health crisis.

Child abuse affects millions of people. Scientific studies confirmed a direct link between child abuse and a significantly greater risk later in life for substance abuse, crime, suicide and premature death from cancer and other serious illnesses.

In Alameda County, there are currently 2,406 children in the foster care system due to abuse. Last year, 17 children in the County died as a result of a violent crime.

"The County has created and led initiatives to reduce and prevent child abuse, including the District Attorney's CALICO (Child Abuse Listening Interviewing and Coordination Center) program and Family Justice Center," said Lockyer. "But we must do more to protect our children."

Alameda County Supervisor Nadia Lockyer of Hayward represents District Two on the Board of Supervisors, which includes Hayward, Newark, Union City, Sunol and parts of Fremont.

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