

# WOODLAND JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT



## **Resolution 38-16 Child Abuse Prevention Month – April 2016**

**WHEREAS**, America is a country where all of us should be able to pursue our own measure of happiness and live free from fear. But for the millions of children who have experienced abuse or neglect, it is a promise that goes tragically unfulfilled. National Child Abuse Prevention Month is a time to make their struggle our own and reaffirm a simple truth: that no matter the challenges we face, caring for our children must always be our first task; and

**WHEREAS**, realizing that truth in our society means ensuring children know they are never alone -- that they always have a place to go and there are always people on their side. Parents and caregivers play an essential part in giving their children that stability. But we also know that keeping our children safe is something we can only do together, with the help of friends and neighbors and the broader community. All of us bear a responsibility to look after them, whether by lifting children toward their full potential or lending a hand to a family in need; and

**WHEREAS**, child abuse is a national tragedy with an estimated 3.2 million referrals received by CPS agencies in 2014, involving the alleged maltreatment of approximately 702,000 children; and

**WHEREAS**, scientific studies confirm a direct link between child abuse and a significantly greater risk later in life of alcoholism, depression, drug abuse, eating disorders, obesity, sexual promiscuity, smoking, suicide and certain chronic diseases; and

**WHEREAS**, in Yolo County there are numerous committed agencies, parents, relatives, community volunteers, public policymakers and professionals who are collaborating their efforts to eliminate child abuse in the county and give our children hope, security and safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the District joins in the positive and important efforts of the Yolo County Children's Alliance & Child Abuse Prevention Council, First 5 Yolo Children and Families Commission, Yolo County Juvenile Court, Yolo County's licensed foster care homes and the many public and private agencies and programs serving children and families in Yolo County to work together, not only to prevent child abuse and neglect, but also to build healthy, safe and strong families and healthy, safe and strong communities. Children do well when their parents do well — and families do better when they live in supportive communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Woodland Joint Unified School Board of Trustees hereby declares April 2016 Child Abuse Prevention Month at its Regular Board Meeting of March 24, 2016, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENCES:

ABSTENTIONS:

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BOARD SECRETARY

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BOARD PRESIDENT