



City of Woodland

REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

DATE: April 1, 2008

SUBJECT: Child Abuse Prevention Month

Report in Brief

The City of Woodland has been asked by the Yolo County Children's Alliance to proclaim April 2008 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the City.

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a Proclamation declaring April 2008 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Background

The Council has issued a Proclamation only one other time, in 2004, for this recognition. However, staff believes this is a relevant issue that should be considered for Council approval.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a Proclamation declaring April 2008 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

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City Manager

Attachment: Proclamation

City of Woodland

PROCLAMATION CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH – APRIL 2008

WHEREAS, child abuse is a national tragedy with an estimated 3 million children found to be victims of substantiated abuse or neglect each year in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, the California Department of Social Services estimated that 378,301 cases of abuse and neglect involving approximately 713,391 children were referred for investigation in 2004; and,

WHEREAS, in 2007, Yolo County's Child Welfare Services received almost 2,000 calls of suspected child abuse or neglect and nearly 1,400 child-abuse referrals; and,

WHEREAS, in 2007, Yolo County had approximately 400 children in child-welfare supervised placements; and,

WHEREAS, in 2007 in Yolo County, 225 children continued living with their families while the families received ongoing support services and supervision through the Child Welfare Services Family Maintenance Program; 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, all members of the community have a role to play in strengthening families to ensure children are valued and supported; and,

WHEREAS, all communities have the responsibility to offer parents the education, support and skills they need to provide healthy, safe and nurturing homes for their children.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Woodland proclaims April 2008 Child Abuse Prevention Month in the City and encourages officials, employees and residents to join the important efforts of the Yolo County Children's Alliance and Child Abuse Prevention Council, First Five 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. These agencies work together to prevent child abuse and neglect and build healthy, safe and strong families and communities. Children do well when their parents do well — and families do better when they live in supportive communities.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of April, 2008.

David M. Flory, Mayor

Marlin H. Davies, Vice-Mayor

William L. Marble, Council Member

Jeff W. Monroe, Council Member

Artemio Pimentel, Council Member