

## Resolution Number 20-21-17 National Child Abuse Prevention Month April 2021

WHEREAS, April is recognized as National Child Abuse Prevention Month, with this year's theme being: "Thriving Children and Families: Prevention With Purpose"; and

WHEREAS, based on fiscal year 2018 data, 4.3 million child abuse reports were made to child protective services. Child abuse and neglect is a serious problem affecting every segment of our community, and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone; and

**WHEREAS**, our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future of the Eastside Union School District, our community, city, state, and nation; and

WHEREAS, child abuse can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that have lasting consequences for victims of abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, protective factors are conditions that reduce or eliminate risk and promote the social, emotional, and developmental well-being of children; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention activities succeed because of the partnerships created between child welfare professionals, education, health, community- and faith-based organizations, businesses, law enforcement agencies, and families; and

**WHEREAS**, communities must make every effort to promote programs and activities that create strong and thriving children and families. We acknowledge that we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and contribute to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, prevention remains the best defense for our children and families.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, do hereby recognize April, 2021 as NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH in the Eastside Union School District, and urge all citizens to recognize this month by dedicating ourselves to the task of improving the quality of life for all children and families.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Eastside Union School District this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021.

Doretta Thompson, Clerk

Board of Trustees

Eastside Union School District