

1 [Child Abuse Prevention Month - April 2026]

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3 **Resolution recognizing the month of April 2026, as Child Abuse Prevention Month in**  
4 **the City and County of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, Child Abuse Prevention Month has been observed each April nationally  
7 since 1983, bringing communities, organizations, and governments together to affirm their  
8 commitment to the safety and well-being of all children; and

9 WHEREAS, This year’s statewide theme, “Strong Families, Safe Futures,”  
10 demonstrates how community well-being depends on the empowerment of families, the  
11 tagline “When we care together, families thrive” reiterates our shared responsibility and the  
12 power of collective action and community connection; and

13 WHEREAS, Child abuse, which includes physical, emotional, exploitative, and sexual  
14 abuse, and neglect of a child’s basic needs impact not just the child but also the entire family,  
15 community, and society at large; and

16 WHEREAS, Abuse often occurs when families face overwhelming stress without  
17 adequate support, the physical, mental, and emotional effects persist long after the harm  
18 occurs and result in ongoing costs to society; and

19 WHEREAS, In 2025, San Francisco had a reported 4,302 youth with an allegation of  
20 child abuse and 431 youth with a substantiation, the cumulative financial impact to the San  
21 Francisco community based on these preliminary estimations for the 431 verified child victims  
22 in 2025 are in excess of \$260 million; and

23 WHEREAS, Abused children are more likely to experience negative educational,  
24 health, and behavioral outcomes, which contribute to many of San Francisco’s challenges,  
25 such as homelessness, chronic health issues, high school dropout rates; and

1           WHEREAS, Rates of both allegations and substantiation of child abuse  
2 disproportionately impact BIPOC families, exacerbating issues of structural and systemic  
3 racism; and

4           WHEREAS, Direct investment in social programs for children, youth, and families  
5 prevents child abuse and neglect before it occurs, providing short and long-term benefits that  
6 far outweigh the costs of crisis response and treatment; and

7           WHEREAS, Effective prevention efforts succeed because of collaboration between  
8 community, public organizations, and accessible, non-stigmatizing services; and

9           WHEREAS, San Francisco has invested in several key prevention strategies such as  
10 the Family Resource Center Initiative, which is jointly funded by the Human Services Agency,  
11 the Department of Early Childhood, and the Department of Children, Youth and Families; and

12           WHEREAS, San Francisco has a dedicated network of community organizations,  
13 family support providers, case workers, advocates, health workers, educators, foster and  
14 adoptive families, and volunteers who work tirelessly at every level of prevention, intervention,  
15 and treatment; and

16           WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco remains committed to cultivating a  
17 city where we continue to raise awareness about child abuse and neglect, the need to support  
18 all vulnerable children and their families, and prioritize prevention; now, therefore, be it

19           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
20 hereby recognizes April 2026, as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the City and County of San  
21 Francisco; and, be it

22           FURTHER RESOLVED, That all San Franciscans are encouraged to take shared  
23 responsibility for child and family well-being, ensuring that every family has what they need to  
24 be safe, healthy, and strong; and, be it

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1            FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco remains steadfast  
2 in its efforts to strengthen, expand, and fund the prevention of child abuse and neglect, along  
3 with intervention programs to ensure the safety, healing, and long-term well-being of families  
4 because, when we care together, families thrive.

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