PROCLAMATION
Declaring April 2016 as Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month

WHEREAS, Child maltreatment is the abuse and neglect that occurs to children under 18 years of age. It includes all types of physical and/or emotional ill-treatment, sexual abuse, neglect, negligence and commercial or other exploitation, which results in actual or potential harm to the child’s health, survival, development or dignity in the context of a relationship of responsibility, trust or power; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, 534 victims of child abuse or neglect were reported in Glenn County and 496,972 were reported in California; and

WHEREAS, Poverty is the single best predictor of child abuse and neglect and children who live in families with an annual income less than $15,000 are 22 times more likely to be abused or neglected than children living in families with an annual income of $30,000 or more; and

WHEREAS, Abused and neglected children are 1.5 to 6 times as likely to be delinquent and 1.25 to 3 times as likely to be arrested as an adult; and

WHEREAS, Safe and healthy childhoods help produce confident, successful and independent adults; and

WHEREAS, All adults and caregivers have a responsibility, as neighbors, community members and citizens of Glenn County to help create healthy, safe and nurturing environment for children and youth; and

WHEREAS, The majority of child abuse cases stem from situations and conditions that are preventable when our communities are supportive, active and engaged; and

WHEREAS, Child abuse and neglect can be reduced by making sure every family has the support it needs and deserves to raise their children in a healthy environment; and

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

WHEREAS, The Children’s Interagency Coordinating Council, has served Glenn County as a Child Abuse Prevention Council to provide a collaborative forum for meaningful connections and partnerships in the planning and implementation of effective family strengthening prevention programs; and

WHEREAS, Our local partners collaborate in the Semi-Annual Child & Family Fair held on the second Saturday in April from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Orland Memorial Hall to promote awareness of child abuse prevention; and

WHEREAS, Wearing the color blue, wearing a blue ribbon and/or displaying a pinwheel in April will serve as a positive reminder that together, we can prevent child abuse and keep children safe.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Glenn County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim April 2016 as

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH

and urges all citizens to join the Glenn County Children’s Interagency Coordinating Council as they support each family’s efforts to keep themselves and their children safe, healthy and in a loving nurturing environment.

Leigh McDaniel, Chairman
Glenn County Board of Supervisors

April 19, 2016
Date