



James Johnson
City of Long Beach
Councilmember, Seventh District

NB-18

Date: April 1, 2014
To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Councilmember James Johnson, Seventh District JJ
Councilmember Steven Neal, Ninth District SN
Subject: Resolution for National Child Abuse Prevention Month

RECOMMENDATION

Request to adopt a resolution supporting April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

DISCUSSION

In 1983, President Ronald Reagan declared April National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Violence in the family has the greatest impact on children ages zero to five since they cannot speak for themselves. These children often suffer from lifelong adverse health, social, and economic consequences.

The City of Long Beach offers a wide variety of services and programs through our various departments, including our Health Department. Additionally, various programs exist from efforts by community members, school officials, and nonprofit agencies to comprehensively address violence. Finally, the City is nearing completion of a Violence Prevention Plan, which recognizes that the long-term costs of childhood abuse can be mitigated through early identification and intervention.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no significant fiscal impact for this resolution.

OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY
CHARLES PARKIN, City Attorney
333 West Ocean Boulevard, 11th Floor
Long Beach, CA 90802-4664

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LONG BEACH RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF
APRIL AS NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION
MONTH

WHEREAS, since 1983, by Presidential decree, April has been recognized
as National Child Abuse Prevention Month; and

WHEREAS, exposure to violence in the family has the greatest impact on
children, ages 0-5, who cannot speak for themselves; and

WHEREAS, children who grow up with family violence and/or neglect have
serious lifelong adverse health, social, and economic consequences including:

- Behavioral problems;
- Mental health conditions such as Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder;
- Increased risk for delinquency;
- Adult criminality and violent behavior;
- Lasting impacts or disability from physical injury;
- Reduced health-related quality of life;
- Low levels of adult economic wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach operates services and programs to
address violence in the family, in schools, and in the community, and is currently
engaged in a community-wide effort to develop a comprehensive violence prevention
plan that acknowledges a progression of violence that begins in the home during
childhood and may then manifest itself in juvenile delinquency and develop into a lifetime
of crime as an adult; and

WHEREAS, exposure to violence during the first five years of a child's life
has staggering societal costs over children's lifetimes, including burdens on our city's

1 social service, law enforcement, juvenile justice, criminal justice and education systems;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach recognizes that these societal costs
4 can be mitigated through early identification and intervention, and the provision of
5 specialized services, evidence-based treatment and long-term care and support; and

6 WHEREAS, the Long Beach Child Abuse and Neglect Network (LB CANN),
7 supported by First 5 LA Best Start, is a collaborative of volunteer community parents,
8 residents, and service providers, focusing on reducing violence in homes with children
9 ages 0-5;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, the Long Beach City Council hereby resolves as
11 follows:

12 Section 1. The City of Long Beach proclaims the month of April as Child
13 Abuse Prevention Month in the City of Long Beach.

14 Section 2. The City of Long Beach is committed to creating a community
15 where children are healthy, safe, and have the resources necessary to develop into
16 successful students, productive workers, responsible family members, and citizens.

17 Section 3. The City of Long Beach confirms its commitment to the
18 national goals of safety for children, prevention of child abuse, neglect and domestic
19 violence exposure and promotion of the social and emotional wellbeing of children in
20 families and communities.

21 Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption
22 by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

23 ///

24 ///

25 ///

26 ///

27 ///

28 ///

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of _____, 2014, by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: _____

Noes: Councilmembers: _____

Absent: Councilmembers: _____

City Clerk

OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY
CHARLES PARKIN, City Attorney
333 West Ocean Boulevard, 11th Floor
Long Beach, CA 90802-4664



City of Long Beach Memorandum
Working Together to Serve

REQUEST TO ADD AGENDA ITEM

Date: March 26, 2014
To: Larry Herrera, City Clerk
From: Councilmember James Johnson
Subject: Request to Add Agenda Item to Council Agenda of April 1, 2014

Pursuant to Municipal Code Section 2.03.070 [B], the City Councilmembers signing below request that the attached agenda item (due in the City Clerk Department by Friday, 12:00 Noon) be placed on the City Council agenda under New Business via the supplemental agenda.

The agenda title/recommendation for this item reads as follows:

“Request approval of a Resolution for National Child Abuse Prevention Month.”

Council District	Authorizing Councilmember	Signed by
9	Steve Neal	<i>SN</i>
2	SUJA LOWENTHAL	<i>Suja Lowenthal</i>
7	James Johnson	<i>James Johnson</i>

CC: Office of the Mayor