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RESOLUTION NO. RES-14-0036

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.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of April 1, 2014, by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Garcia, Lowenthal, DeLong, O'Donnell,  
Schipske, Johnson, Austin, Neal.

Noes: Councilmembers: None.

Absent: Councilmembers: Andrews.

  
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City Clerk

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