

NAVAJO COUNTY AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

Meeting Date: April 14, 2015	Time Needed: 5
Requesting Department: Board of Supervisors	Presenter(s) Name: Supervisor Whiting
Motion before the Board: Consideration and possible approval of a Proclamation proclaiming April 2015 as “Child Abuse Prevention & Awareness Month”.	
Recommendation: Approval	
Background: Our Children are our future. Navajo County urges all citizens to cherish our children and protect them from harm. April is Child Abuse Prevention & Awareness Month.	
Fiscal Impact: (what will it cost, where funds will come from, is it budgeted, etc.)	
Reviewed and approved by:	County Manager County Attorney Human Resources Finance IT <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Board Action Taken Approved Denied No Action Continued Continued to: <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> _____	
Approved with changes as follows: _____	
Clerk’s Notes	
Date:	Initial:

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**NAVAJO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCLAMATION
April 2015 “Child Abuse Prevention & Awareness Month”**

WHEREAS, Buena Vista Children’s Services, Inc. is a community-based, grassroots, nonprofit organization that offers child abuse prevention awareness, children’s advocacy and child care recruitment services for the Department of Economic Security, Education & Professional Development, in Navajo, Apache and Yavapai counties; and

WHEREAS, every child is entitled to be loved, cared for, secure and safe, and it is the responsibility of our society to protect every child’s inalienable right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; and

WHEREAS, the hidden epidemic of child abuse, which crosses all boundaries of income, race, religion and ethnicity, continues to be one of our most serious public health issues, with over 90 percent of abuse perpetrated by people that children know, love and trust; and

WHEREAS, children who survive abuse endure lasting physical, mental, and emotional scars, including feelings of shame, self-doubt, poor self-image, the inability to trust others, learning disabilities, sleep disturbances, dating violence, difficulty in trust and coping skills, and eating, speech or post-traumatic stress disorders; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect can be reduced by providing safe havens and emotional, social, legal and financial support for victims and at-risk families; and by holding offenders accountable, we can ensure that all of Arizona’s children grow to their full potential as healthy citizens; and

WHEREAS, providing the proper support and enhancing a child’s understanding of his or her own self-worth are crucial components in providing a bright future and raising healthy Arizona children.

NOW, THEREFORE, by the Board of Supervisors, on behalf of Navajo County, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2015, as “Child Abuse Prevention & Awareness Month” in Navajo County and urge all citizens to cherish our children and protect them from harm.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Board of Supervisors on April 14, 2015.

Dawnafe Whitesinger, Chairwoman

ATTEST:

Melissa W. Buckley, Clerk of the Board