

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSED EXTENSION) RESOLUTION NO. _____
OF THE THREE-YEAR PLAN FOR CHILD ABUSE) BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PREVENTION FOR 2005-2008, AS AMENDED,) OF SANTA BARBARA
THROUGH SEPTEMBER 29, 2009) COUNTY**

WHEREAS, according to projections from the Department of Finance statistics, there are currently over 101,000 children and youth under age 18 in Santa Barbara County, representing nearly 24% of the population, and

WHEREAS, in 2007 there were 1,144 substantiated cases of Child Abuse reported to Child Welfare Services.

WHEREAS, 44.7% of the cases were due to neglect, and

WHEREAS, in the last three years, the rate of substantiated child welfare cases and placements into foster care has increased from 8.6 incidences per 1,000 children in 2005 to 10.9 incidences per 1,000 children in 2007, and

WHEREAS, national studies have shown that many more children suffer abuse and neglect than are reported to Child Welfare agencies, with one study by the National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect estimating that three times as many children are maltreated as are reported, and

WHEREAS, all types of maltreatment are harmful to children's physical and emotional development and require intervention which has as its goal the safety of the child and the prevention of further abuse, and

WHEREAS, the prevention of child abuse and neglect is a priority in Santa Barbara County, and

WHEREAS on August 16, 2005, the Board of Supervisors approved the Three-Year Plan for Child Abuse Prevention for 2005-2008 that was created by a countywide group of stakeholders based on a needs assessment using local data, and

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors has reviewed the Three-Year Plan for Child Abuse Prevention for 2005-2008 and the amendments thereto, and has found that the Plan as amended continues to be relevant to the needs of the County,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors hereby approves the Three-Year Plan for Child Abuse Prevention for 2005-2008 as amended, and the extension of the timeframe of the Plan through September 29, 2009.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this ___ day of September 2008 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

By _____
SALUD CARBAJAL,
Chair, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
MICHAEL BROWN
Clerk of the Board

By _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DENNIS A. MARSHALL
County Counsel

By _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
ROBERT W. GEIS, CPA
Auditor-Controller

By _____