Nevada Association of Counties Resolution #09-05

Acknowledging April of 2009 as Child Abuse Prevention Month

WHEREAS, preventing child abuse and neglect is a community problem that depends on involvement among people throughout the community;

WHEREAS, child maltreatment occurs when people find themselves in stressful situations, without community resources, and don't know how to cope;

WHEREAS, the majority of child abuse cases stem from situations and conditions that are preventable in an engaged and supportive community.

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect can be reduced by making sure each family has the support they need to raise their children in a healthy environment;

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect not only directly harm children, but also increase the likelihood of criminal behavior, substance abuse, health problems such as heart disease and obesity, and risky behavior such as smoking;

WHEREAS, all citizens should become involved in supporting families in raising their children in a safe, nurturing environment;

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NACO Board of Directors acknowledges April of 2009 as Child Abuse Prevention Month; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NACO Board of Directors encourages Nevada's Boards of County Commissioners and Supervisors to adopt proclamations proclaiming the month of April 2009 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in their counties

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of April, 2009, by the Board of Directors of the Nevada Association of Counties.

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Attest:

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