## PROCLAMATION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF INYO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA RECOGNIZING APRIL 2019 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, children are vital to our community's future success and quality of life in addition to being our most vulnerable assets; and

WHEREAS, all children deserve to have the safe, stable, nurturing homes and communities necessary for healthy growth and development; and

WHEREAS, preventing child abuse and neglect is a community responsibility affecting both the current and future quality of life of a community; and

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

**WHEREAS**, communities that provide parents with the social support, knowledge of parenting and child development, and concrete resources they need to cope with stress and nurture their children, can help ensure all children grow to their full potential; and

*WHEREAS*, child abuse and neglect can be reduced in Inyo County by making sure families have the support they need in raising their children in a safe, nurturing environment; and

**WHEREAS**, effective child abuse prevention strategies succeed because of partnerships created among citizens, human service agencies, schools, faith communities, health care providers, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and

**WHEREAS**, Wild Iris has set an important example of how forging collaborative relationships among service agencies and organizations serves to improve the quality of service for those profoundly and directly affected by child abuse, thus providing a model for how the rest of the community might work together to speak out and find solutions to end child abuse; and

*WHEREAS*, Wild Iris requests public support and assistance as it continues its effort to bring real hope for ending child abuse in Inyo County and creating a future where all children can live free from abuse.

*NOW THEREFORE*, in recognition of the important work done by Wild Iris and all victims' service providers, the Inyo County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims April 2019 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Inyo County.

PASSED AND PROCLAIMED this 26th day of March 2019.

Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

