- **WHEREAS,** Child abuse and neglect continue to pose a serious threat to our community's children; and
- WHEREAS, Child abuse and neglect is a community problem and finding solutions depends on the involvement of people throughout the community; and
- WHEREAS, All victims of child abuse, whether physical, sexual, emotional, gross neglect, or exposure to domestic violence should have access to a safe place to live, appropriate medical care, and counseling or mental health services; and
- WHEREAS, Parents, guardians, family members, foster care providers, child care providers, educators, law enforcement personnel, medical professionals, mental health professionals, social service providers, and the public all play an important role in working collaboratively to prevent child abuse and neglect; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL TUBBS, as Mayor of the City of Stockton, and on behalf of the Stockton City Council, do hereby declare the month of April as

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH in STOCKTON

and encourage the people of Stockton to work together to support youth-serving child abuse prevention activities in their communities and schools during that month and throughout the year.

In witness whereof, I have here unto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Stockton to be affixed this 25th day of April, Two –Thousand-Seventeen.

Mayor Michael D. Tubbs

Vice Mayor Elbert H. Holman Jr.

Councilmember Susan Lofthus

Councilmember Christina Fugazi

Councilmember Daniel R. Wright

Councilmember Susan H. Lenz

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Councilmember Jesús Andrade