

# Resolution

## Proclaiming the Fourth Friday in April as “Children’s Memorial Day” Throughout Alameda County in Memory of Children Who Died by Violence

**WHEREAS** throughout America, tragic acts of violence against children are occurring with increasing frequency and senselessness, destroying innocent lives and devastating families; and

**WHEREAS** in 1994, 1995 and 1996, Alameda County lost 90 children in violent, preventable deaths through guns, fire automobiles, physical violence and suicide; and

**WHEREAS** the people of Alameda County believe in the celebration of life, diversity, and hope for the future through our children, and deplore and condemn acts of violence committed upon the children of our communities; and

**WHEREAS** on November 1, 1996, Alameda County and the East Bay Regional Park District dedicated a Children’s Memorial Grove with the planting of young oak trees and the creation of a stone Circle of Remembrance as a plaque of peace and honor to young lives lost; and

**WHEREAS** Alameda County has created a Children’s Memorial Flag to be flown whenever a child’s life is lost to violence.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that in memory of Alameda County children who have died by violence, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim the fourth Friday in April as “Children’s Memorial Day” throughout Alameda County.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Children’s Memorial Flag be flown on this day each year by Alameda County, each city in Alameda County, and each school district in Alameda County, in remembrance of those whose young lives were cut short by senseless violence.

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