



Proclaiming

February 2024

National Parent Leadership Month in Ventura County

WHEREAS, meaningful parent leadership occurs when parents with lived experience with various community/agency involvement gain the knowledge and skills necessary to function in meaningful Engagement Opportunities and represent "parents' voices" to link, lift, and leverage the positive direction of their families, service programs, and community agencies. Parents' Voices designs and develops new ideas, collaborates with cross-sector agencies, provides education to our community, and creates a balance in system services to hear our parents' voices; and

WHEREAS, Parent Leadership is an essential and effective means of strengthening families and preventing child abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, Parents Anonymous® Inc. has created National Parent Leadership Month to recognize the extraordinary courage and tenacity of parents who have reached out to make improvements in their families and communities; and

WHEREAS, the Ventura County Board of Supervisors recognizes the vital importance of partnering with parents and assists public systems and private organizations, policymakers, and other key stakeholders to implement Parent Leadership strategies effectively; and

WHEREAS, Parent leadership is a necessary component in any effective family strengthening and family support programs for system improvement; and

WHEREAS, The Ventura County "Parents' Voices" has provided amazing work in the community with The Partnership for Safe Families and Communities; and

WHEREAS, The Ventura County "Parents' Voices" is recognized with support for parent leadership programs from partner agencies such as United Parents, Interface, Human Services Agency, Kids & Families Together, First 5, MICOP & more; and

WHEREAS Ventura County's "Parents' Voices" partners with the Coastal Tri-Counties and Child Abuse Prevention Councils to bring regional alignment; and

WHEREAS, Parent leadership is successfully achieved when parents receive support and training and shared responsibility, expertise, and leadership in the planning, implementation, oversight, and evaluation of policies, practices, and programs that affect families and communities; and


WHEREAS, more parents each year are developing vital partnerships with service providers, policymakers, and key stakeholders to shape policy and practice and build stronger, safer communities for children; and

WHEREAS, the power of parents speaking publicly about their experiences has made and will continue to impact the lives of families everywhere.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ventura County Board of Supervisors proclaims February 2024 as National Parent Leadership Month in Ventura County and recommends observance by all of our citizens.

Presented on this 27th Day of February 2024


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