



**Resolution  
of  
The Board of Supervisors of Ventura County  
Proclaiming  
National Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week  
October 20-26, 2019**

*Whereas*, lead poisoning poses a threat to Ventura County residents of all ages, especially children under the age of six; and

*Whereas*, childhood lead poisoning is a serious and preventable disease that can cause devastating effects ranging from delayed growth to learning disabilities, cognitive and behavior disorders and even death; and

*Whereas*, because there is no safe level of lead, assessing all children and testing all at-risk children at one and two years of age is imperative for early intervention; and

*Whereas*, children may be exposed to lead from deteriorated lead-based paint, contaminated soil, and from other sources, such as lead brought home from the workplace, traditional cosmetics, and cultural home remedies; and

*Whereas*, children are the most important part of our future and they deserve to grow in a healthy, safe environment, free from the harmful effects of lead; and

*Whereas*, Ventura County Public Health's mission is to support environments that protect and promote the health and well-being of everyone in Ventura County; and

*Whereas*, the State of California has recognized that children are harmed even by low levels of lead and enables Ventura County Public Health's Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP) to offer services to these children; and

*Whereas*, because of Ventura County CLPPP's commitment to reducing Blood Lead Levels (BLLs), over 12,000 children ages 0-21 are screened for lead each year, contributing to a continuous county- and state-wide reduction of elevated BLLs; and

*Whereas*, the National Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week theme is "Dust and dirt with lead can hurt. Keep kids away from lead where they play."

**Now, Therefore Be It Resolved**, that the Ventura County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim October 20-26, 2019 as National Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week to help build greater awareness and reduce childhood exposure to lead.

**Presented on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October 2019**

  
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