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CONSENT CALENDAR

December 3, 2013

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Kriss Worthington

Subject: Proclamation in Honor of End Child Sexual Abuse Now! National Day of Awareness

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a proclamation honoring and sponsoring End Child Sexual Abuse (CSA) Now! National Day of Awareness in Berkeley.

BACKGROUND:

End CSA Now! National Day of Awareness campaign envisions a world free from the impacts of child sexual abuse. Until this happens, our shared vision is a society that can provide adequate protection, support, and social services that are free from stigma, for those impacted by child sexual abuse.

End CSA is a community-based coalition motivated to engage in efforts to address the child sexual abuse endemic. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, it is estimated that 1 in 3 girls and 1 in 6 boys are sexually abused before age 18 and only 20% of these cases are reported to the police. Ninety three percent of children know and trust their abusers. Each of these children has a family, community, and bystanders who can play a role in preventing abuse. Communities everywhere must work together to end this endemic.

A Community Advisory Board (CAB), is working to create a groundbreaking event on April 12, 2014 that emphasizes the importance of community involvement to end child sexual abuse. Parts of the event will be documented through film and include the following:

- A community town hall meeting including: Current efforts being made to address child sexual abuse; Community forum to bring voice to those impacted by child sexual abuse;
- Healing arts activities for those impacted by child sexual abuse;
- Resource tables for agencies working to end child sexual abuse to share their information;

- Interactive video booth where community can share their stories and perspectives about child sexual abuse;
- Additionally the event seeks to bring visibility to this largely shrouded issue by leading a community march to the local city hall as a call to action.

This inaugural event will bring much needed visibility to the people affected by child sexual abuse, and will reach thousands of people where by including footage from it in the documentary currently being produced by Tracey Quezada, *You and Me and the Fruit Trees*. This documentary is a character driven film that follows several survivors of child sexual abuse and includes leading experts as well as other community members impacted by child sexual abuse. For more information on this documentary, please visit:

www.traceyquezadaproductions.com

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

Minimal.

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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Proclamation: End Child Sexual Abuse (CSA) Now! National Day of Awareness

END CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE NOW! NATIONAL DAY OF AWARENESS IN THE CITY OF BERKELEY APRIL 12th, 2014

WHEREAS, the endemic of child sexual abuse affects every community in California and touches the lives of far too many citizens regardless of cultural, ethnic, religious, or socioeconomic level; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports, that it is estimated that 1 in 3 girls and 1 in 6 boys are sexually abused before age 18 and only 10-20% of cases are reported to the police; and

WHEREAS, the impact that child sexual abuse has on our children's welfare is a public health issue that needs to be addressed. Early identification and intervention are essential to successfully interrupting the generational cycle of child sexual abuse. Collaboration among professionals, concerned parents, volunteers, and policy makers can help to reduce the level of child sexual abuse in our communities; and

WHEREAS, this ground breaking inaugural event will bring much needed visibility and healing to the people impacted by child sexual abuse and inspire other communities to mobilize throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley's collaboration is to highlight the importance of bringing visibility to and ending child sexual abuse; and

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley is committed to ensuring the safety of all citizens affected by child sexual abuse through its collaboration with this inaugural event.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Berkeley hereby proclaims and co-sponsors the April 12th, 2014, End Child Sexual Abuse Now! National Day of Awareness in the City of Berkeley and we urge all citizens to join with local community efforts in bringing visibility and health to the people impacted by child sexual abuse.

