



# PROCLAMATION



By virtue of the authority vested in me, I hereby proclaim  
the month of April as

## Child Abuse Prevention Month

Whereas, preventing child abuse and neglect is a community problem that depends  
on involvement among people throughout the community; and

Whereas, child maltreatment occurs when people  
find themselves in stressful situations, without community resources, and don't  
know how to cope; and

Whereas, the majority of child abuse cases stem from situations and conditions  
that are preventable in an engaged and supportive community; and

Whereas, all citizens should become involved in supporting families  
in raising their children in a safe, nurturing environment; and

Whereas, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships  
created among social service agencies, schools, faith communities, civic  
organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and

Therefore, I do hereby proclaim April as Child Abuse Prevention Month  
and call upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, and  
businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to support families, thereby  
preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in which we live.

Now therefore I, \_\_\_\_\_,  
do hereby recognize April 2007 as Child Abuse Prevention Month  
in \_\_\_\_\_ and I call this observance  
to the attention of all our citizens.