Child Abuse Prevention Month

WHEREAS, children are vital to our city's future success, prosperity and quality of life as well as being our most vulnerable assets.

WHEREAS, all children deserve to have safe, stable, nurturing homes and communities they need to foster their healthy growth and development;

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a community responsibility affecting both the current and future quality of life in a community;

WHEREAS, communities that provide parents with social support, knowledge of parenting and child development and concrete resources they need to cope with stress and nurture their children ensure all children grow to their full potential;

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention strategies succeed because of partnerships created among citizens human service agencies, schools, faith communities, health care providers, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community;

THEREFORE, I do hereby proclaim **Apri**l as **Child Abuse Prevention Month** and call upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, elected leaders and business to increase their participation in our efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the community in which we live.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be fixed.



City Commission Vice Presiden
Attest: City Administrator