



PROCLAMATION

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR



Child Abuse Prevention Month April 2022

- WHEREAS:** In Federal fiscal year 2020, 3.9 million reports were made to child protective services; and
- WHEREAS:** Child abuse and neglect is a serious problem affecting every segment of our community, and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone; and
- WHEREAS:** Our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future of the Township of Middletown and the State of New Jersey; and
- WHEREAS:** Child abuse can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that have lasting consequences for victims of abuse; and
- WHEREAS:** Protective factors are conditions that reduce or eliminate risk and promote the social, emotional, and developmental well-being of children; and
- WHEREAS:** Effective child abuse prevention activities succeed because of the partnerships created between child welfare professionals, education, health, community- and faith-based organizations, businesses, law enforcement agencies, and families; and
- WHEREAS:** Communities must make every effort to promote programs and activities that create strong and thriving children and families; and
- WHEREAS:** Middletown acknowledges that we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and contribute to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment; and
- WHEREAS:** Prevention remains the best defense for our children and families. Now,
- THEREFORE:** I, Mayor Tony Perry and the Middletown Township Committee, do hereby proclaim April 2022 as **Child Abuse Prevention Month** in the Township of Middletown and urge all citizens to recognize this month by dedicating ourselves to the task of improving the quality of life for all children and families.

*Given, under my hand and the Great Seal of the Township of Middletown,
this 4th day of April in the year two thousand twenty-two*

Mayor Tony Perry