



CITY OF ROCHELLE,
ILLINOIS
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
PROCLAMATION

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, every child deserves to grow up in a nurturing environment, free from abuse, neglect, violence, or endangerment of any kind; and,

WHEREAS, statistics of children who are abused and neglected escalate each year; last year, Illinois had 36,146 indicated cases;

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention and advocacy programs succeed because of partnerships created amongst courts, social service agencies, schools, religious organizations, local governments, law enforcement, and the business community.

WHEREAS, Shining Star Children’s Advocacy Center and other agencies across the city, county, and state are working to break the cycle by providing services to children and families affected by abuse and sponsoring child abuse awareness campaigns to heighten awareness of the need to support families.

WHEREAS, all citizens should become aware of child abuse within the community and become involved in its prevention and support parents and caregivers to raise children in a safe and nurturing environment;

THEREFORE, I, John Bearrows, Mayor of the City of Rochelle, do hereby proclaim April 2024 as **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH** in the City of Rochelle and call upon all citizens to increase their participation in efforts to prevent child abuse, thereby strengthening the community in which we live.

Dated this 8th day of April 2024

John Bearrows, Mayor

Attest: _____
RoseMary Huéramo, City Clerk

