

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Sample Proclamation

WHEREAS, we all have a responsibility, as individuals, neighbors, community members and citizens of the **(YOUR CITY/TOWN)** to help create healthy, safe and nurturing experiences for children; and

WHEREAS, safe and healthy childhoods help produce confident and successful adults; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect often 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, child abuse and neglect can be reduced by making sure every family has the support they need and deserve to raise their children in a healthy environment; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that no one person can do everything, but that everyone can do something, and together we can create change for the better; and

WHEREAS, effective prevention programs succeed because of partnerships among agencies, schools, religious organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and

WHEREAS, displaying a pinwheel or planting a pinwheel garden in April will serve as a positive reminder that together, we can prevent child abuse and keep children safe;

Now, therefore, I, **(TITLE AND NAME)** do hereby proclaim April 2011 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in **(YOUR COMMUNITY)**, and I urge all citizens to engage in activities that strengthen families and communities to provide the optimal environment for children to learn, grow and thrive so that all children have the benefit of happy, healthy and safe childhoods.

Signed this X day of X, 2011

(YOUR NAME AND TITLE)

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