

## SAMPLE PROCLAMATION

April 1, 2016

WHEREAS, in Federal fiscal year 2014, 52 States reported 702,000 victims of child abuse or neglect; 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 in our community; and

WHEREAS, our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future of the [State or jurisdiction]; and

WHEREAS, child abuse can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that can have lifelong 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;

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention activities succeed because of the meaningful connections and partnerships created between child welfare, education, health, community- and faith-based organizations, businesses and law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, communities must make every effort to promote programs and activities that benefit children and their families;

WHEREAS, we acknowledge 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, nurturing environment.

WHEREAS, Prevention remains the best defense for our children and families;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, \_\_\_\_\_, [Title and jurisdiction], do hereby proclaim April, [year] as

**NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION MONTH**

in [Location], 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.