



NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH PROCLAMATION



Whereas, the work of raising children in Cache Valley and empowering them to thrive stands among our greatest responsibilities as parents and community leaders;

Whereas, all Cache Valley children deserve to experience and enjoy the innocence of childhood in a safe and nurturing environment, free from abuse and neglect;

Whereas, child abuse—which robs children of this inalienable right—affects hundreds of Cache Valley’s children annually, often impacting them negatively for the rest of their lives;

Whereas, physical, verbal, emotional, and sexual abuse are serious and growing problems that respect no religious, socioeconomic, or geographic boundaries;

Whereas, child abuse is often related to substance abuse, domestic violence, and other crimes that weaken families;

Whereas, preventing child abuse depends on the efforts of all Cache Valley residents to collectively recommit to providing care, stability, and a brighter future for our sons and daughters;

Whereas, each citizen of Hyrum, Utah can play an integral role in preventing child abuse within their respective families, neighborhoods, and communities through education, active involvement, and advocacy;

Whereas, decreasing the incidence of child abuse makes a positive, substantial impact on the children of today, paving the way for them to succeed as the leaders of tomorrow;

Whereas, effective child abuse prevention programs rely on community partnerships among individuals, families, municipalities, social service agencies, schools, religious and civic organizations, law enforcement, and the business community;

Now, therefore be it resolved that Hyrum, Utah hereby proclaims the month of April 2013 to be

Child Abuse Prevention Month

The Mayor of Hyrum and its governing council hereby commend this observance during April 2013 to the citizens of this municipality, actively promoting and improving public awareness; encouraging responsible intervention; and supporting the collaborative mission of *Strengthening Families and Protecting Children*.

Authorized Signature

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