



Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a complex and ongoing problem in our society, affecting many children in **[Community Name]**; and

WHEREAS, every child is entitled to be loved, cared for, nurtured, feel secure and be free from verbal, sexual, emotional and physical abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of every adult who comes in contact with a child to protect that child's inalienable right to a safe and nurturing childhood; and

WHEREAS, **[Name of Community]** has dedicated individuals and organizations who work daily to counter the problem of child maltreatment and to help parents obtain the assistance they need; and

WHEREAS, our communities are stronger when all citizens become aware of child maltreatment prevention and become involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe and nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships among families, social service agencies, schools, religious and civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the **[Title of Official or Community Board]** hereby proclaims the month of April 2007, to be

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION MONTH

And April 30, 2007, to be

CELEBRATE CHILDREN—A BLUE RIBBON DAY FOR KIDS

A special day for **[Community Name]**'s residents to celebrate and treasure our children, **[community name]**'s greatest resource and the community leaders of tomorrow.

The **[Title Of Official Or Community Board]** commends this observance during April 2007 the citizens of **[Community Name]**.

Signature

Date

This is a sample proclamation that you may wish to ask a significant person in your city, village or county to issue. We have indicated places where you can fill in information to make this specific to your community. You may want to consider making the proclamation signing a community event