



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS:

Children are Minnesota's most precious resource; and

WHEREAS:

It is our collective responsibility to guarantee their health, well-being, and protection; and

WHEREAS:

Thousands of Minnesota children are affected by child abuse and neglect each year, often causing lasting physical and behavioral health problems including depression, violence, substance abuse, and heart disease; and

WHEREAS:

All families can benefit from strong support systems and resources in the face of these challenges; and as parents, friends, neighbors, and fellow human beings, keeping children safe is among our highest priorities; and

WHEREAS:

Effectively intervening in the lives of vulnerable children and their families to prevent abuse and neglect is a shared obligation; and

WHEREAS:

Minnesota's enduring commitment to prevent child abuse and neglect necessitates that individuals and communities partner together to support parents in raising their children in a safe and nurturing society.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2017 as:

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 31st day of March.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE