

Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation - April 2020

Mayor Blad WHEREAS, preventing child abuse and neglect is a community problem that depends on involvement among people throughout the community; and

Mayor England WHEREAS, child maltreatment occurs when people find themselves in stressful situations, without community resources, and don't know how to cope; and

Mayor Sharp WHEREAS, the majority of child abuse cases stem from situations and conditions that are preventable in an engaged and supportive community; and

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

Mayor Beitia WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect not only directly harm children, but also increase the likelihood of criminal behavior; substance abuse; health problems, such as heart disease and obesity; and risky behavior, such as smoking; and

Mayor Keller WHEREAS, all citizens should become involved in supporting families in raising their children in a safe, nurturing environment; and

Mayor Hawkins WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community.

NOW THEREFORE, WE, Mayor Hawkins of Malad, Mayor Blad of Pocatello, Mayor England of Chubbuck, Mayor Sharp of Montpelier, Mayor Robinson of Soda Springs, Mayor Beitia of American Falls, Mayor Keller of Preston,

Mayor Carroll and Mayor Carroll of Blackfoot, do hereby proclaim April 2020 to be CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH.

Throughout Eastern Idaho, we call upon our citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in which we live.

Mayor Blad IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have hereunto set ours hands this 16th day of April, in the year two thousand and twenty.