

Proclamation to Recognize Child Abuse Prevention Month

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a nationwide problem that is preventable when parents, families, communities and government work together to advocate for caring and safe environments for all children; and

WHEREAS, more than 16,400 reports of child abuse and neglect were received in 2018 by the El Paso County Department of Human Services, which provides oversight and protective services to at-risk children in our county; and

WHEREAS, there is overwhelming evidence that child maltreatment can lead to a broad range of short-and-long-term physical and emotional health problems; and

WHEREAS, the long-term effects of child abuse and neglect are felt by our whole community, and need to be addressed by the entire community; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention efforts, such as the Not One More Child Coalition, succeed because of the partnerships created among human service agencies, Public Health, the District Attorney's Office, schools, faith and civic organizations, the medical community, law enforcement and first responder agencies, the business community and concerned citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is with thanks to community partners for their contributions in preventing abuse and neglect by developing family-oriented, community-based prevention, awareness, education, and training programs; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Human Services, agencies and community partners continue to support efforts to prevent child trafficking and youth suicides in the region; and

WHEREAS, April is also National County Government Month, highlighting the critical role Counties play in keeping communities healthy, vibrant, and safe, especially through the protection of children, its most vulnerable citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of El Paso County, Colorado, hereby proclaims its support for the continued collaborative efforts towards preventing child abuse and neglect and raising the level of awareness in the community and hereby declares the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in El Paso County.

DONE THIS 11th day of April 2019 at Colorado Springs, Colorado.



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