

# ~PROCLAMATION~

**WHEREAS**, children are vital to our state's future success, prosperity and quality of life as well as being our most vulnerable members of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, all children deserve to have the safe, stable, nurturing homes and communities they need to foster their healthy growth and development; and

**WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect is a community responsibility affecting both the current and future quality of life of a community; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 2,900 Clark County children were subjects of child abuse reports in 2018, and the Arthur D. Curtis Children's Justice Center responded to more than 640 of the most seriously harmed by physical and sexual abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, communities that provide parents with the social support, knowledge of parenting and child development, and concrete resources they need to cope with stress and nurture their children ensure all children grow to their full potential; and

**WHEREAS**, effective child abuse prevention strategies succeed because of partnerships created among citizens, human service agencies, schools, faith communities, health care providers, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies and the business community.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Clark County Council does hereby proclaim April 2019 to be

## ~ Child Abuse Prevention Month ~

in Clark County, Washington, and calls on all citizens, faith- and community-based agencies, mental health and medical organizations, elected leaders and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in which we live.


Signed this 16th day of April 2019




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