

PROCLAMATION

Declaring April 2016 to be “Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month”

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect are complex and ongoing problems in our society, affecting many children on the Mendocino Coast; and

WHEREAS, every child is entitled to be loved, cared for and nurtured, to feel secure and to 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, the Mendocino Coast has many 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 are 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; and

WHEREAS, all citizens, community agencies, faith organizations, and businesses are encouraged to work to increase their efforts to support children and families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dave Turner, Mayor of the City of Fort Bragg, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2016 to be **CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION MONTH**.

SIGNED this 28th day of March, 2016

DAVE TURNER, Mayor

ATTEST:

June Lemos, City Clerk

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