

Proclamation

Whereas, Saguache County's future depends on nurturing the healthy development of the children currently living, growing and learning within our many diverse communities; and

Whereas, research shows that safe, nurturing relationships and stimulating, stable environments improve brain development and child wellbeing, while neglectful or abusive experiences and unstable or stressful environments increase the odds of poor childhood outcomes; and

Whereas, the abuse and neglect of children can cause severe, lifelong problems affecting all of society, including physical and mental health problems, school failure and criminal behavior; and

Whereas, both state wide and nationally, child abuse is considered to be one of our nation's most serious public health problems; and

Whereas, prevention strengthens families and is cost-effective.; and

Whereas, promoting family functioning/resiliency, social support system, concrete supports, nurturing and attachment, and knowledge of parenting/child development are all known protective factors which prevent child maltreatment and help to strengthen families; and

Whereas, child abuse prevention is an acknowledged community responsibility, on behalf of Saguache County children, this month and each month thereafter we shall commit to preventing child abuse and neglect by promoting awareness of healthy child development, positive parenting practices and the types of support families need within their communities; and

Whereas, we encourage all citizens of Saguache County to recognize that prevention starts with each of us;

Now Therefore, we, the County Commissioners of Saguache County, Colorado, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2015 as

"Child Abuse Prevention Month"

throughout the County of Saguache, and urge all citizens to recognize this month by dedicating ourselves to the task of improving the quality of life for all children.

Done this 1st day of April, in the Year of 2015.

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