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Board of County Commissioners

RE: Child Abuse Prevention Proclamation

Dear Commissioners:

This is to request that Kittitas County proclaim the month of April 2017 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

For your convenience, I am attaching a proclamation that may be used. It would be appreciated if this matter could be placed on an upcoming agenda during the month of March 2017.

Court Advocates for Children is the volunteer court appointed special advocate program representing the best interests of abused and neglected children in Kittitas County Superior Court.

Very truly yours,

Carol Newell Pidduck, J.D.
Executive Director



April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Whereas, children are vital to our city's future success, prosperity and quality of life and are our most vulnerable assets;

Whereas, all children deserve to have safe, stable, nurturing homes and communities to foster their healthy growth and development;

Whereas, child abuse and neglect affects both the current and future quality of life of a community;

Whereas, communities help ensure that all children grow to their full potential by providing parents with social support, knowledge of parenting and child development, and concrete resources to help them nurture their children;

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

Therefore, we do hereby proclaim **APRIL** as **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH** and call upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, elected leaders and businesses in the County of Kittitas to participate in efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in which we live.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2017

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

Attest: _____