



PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL, 2018 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, the children of Salt Lake County are the future of our state's success and investing in their general welfare, safety and livelihood are of utmost priority; and

WHEREAS, all children deserve to grow up in a safe and nurturing environment to assure they reach their full potential as they grow and develop; and

WHEREAS, the protection of children and strengthening of families is of concern and responsibility of all Salt Lake County citizens because the wellness of children affects our lives now and will continue to affect us in the future; and

WHEREAS, child abuse is a serious problem with 3,803 confirmed child victims in the Salt Lake County last year with each of those cases impacting an entire family and affecting the community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, child abuse respects no racial, religious, socio-economic or geographic boundaries, and

WHEREAS, all citizens of Salt Lake County need to become more aware of child abuse and its prevention within their respective communities and actively encourage and support parents to raise their children in a safe and nurturing environment, and

WHEREAS, preventing child abuse requires each member of the community to be attentive to the problems of families around them and commit to do everything they can to help.

NOW THEREFORE, the Salt Lake County Council and the Salt Lake County Mayor on behalf of the 1,121,354 citizens of Salt Lake County, proclaim April 2018 as **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH** and we call upon all our citizens to renew their commitment to be

educated on the impact of child abuse and join in working for its prevention within our communities.

ADOPTED on this the _____ (date) day of _____ (month), _____ (year) in Salt Lake County, Utah.

Ben McAdams,
Salt Lake County Mayor

Aimee Winder Newton, Chair
Salt Lake County Council