

SALT LAKE COUNTY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the children of Salt Lake County contribute to 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 homes where they are safe and nurtured, 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 10,600 confirmed child victims in the State of Utah during 2018 – 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 efforts 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 aware of the warning signs of abuse, and commit to do everything they can to help those around them, and to aid in continued prevention;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Salt Lake County Mayor and Salt Lake County Council on behalf of the county's 1,091,742 citizens, proclaim April 2019 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 23rd day of April, 2019 in Salt Lake City, Utah.