

**JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

AGENDA REQUEST

TO: Board of County Commissioners
Philip Morley, County Administrator

FROM: Leslie Locke, Deputy Clerk of the Board

DATE: April 8, 2011

SUBJECT: PROCLAMATION re: Proclaiming April, 2011 as Child Abuse Prevention Month

STATEMENT OF ISSUE:


Kelly Matlock, Jefferson County Public Health has requested approval of the proclamation proclaiming April, 2011 as Child Abuse Prevention Month

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Proclamation re: Proclaiming April, 2011 as Child Abuse Prevention Month

REVIEWED BY:


Philip Morley, County Administrator


Date

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, every child deserves to be cared for in a safe and nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, safe and healthy childhoods help produce confident and successful adults; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect often occur when people find themselves in stressful situations, without community resources, and not knowing how to cope; and

WHEREAS, the majority of child abuse cases stem from situations and conditions that are preventable in an engaged and supportive community; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect can be reduced by making sure every family in Jefferson County has the support they need and deserve, to raise their children in a healthy environment; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Jefferson County are invited to become involved in supporting families in raising their children in a safe, nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, no one person can do everything, but everyone can do something, and together we can create change for the better; and

WHEREAS, we encourage all citizens of Jefferson County to sign the 2011 "Call to Action" pledge; and

WHEREAS, displaying a pinwheel in April will serve as a positive reminder that together we can prevent child abuse and keep children safe.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Jefferson County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 2011 as

Child Abuse Prevention Month

And ask all citizens to continue the work of preventing child abuse in Jefferson County, and we ask all citizens to join us in observing this occasion.

PROCLAIMED this 28th day of March, 2011.

SEAL:

JEFFERSON COUNTY
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John Austin, Chairman

Phil Johnson, Member

ATTEST:

Lorna L. Delaney, CMC
Clerk of the Board

David Sullivan, Member