

**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:** March 25, 2013

**SUBJECT:** PROCLAMATION re: Proclaiming April, 2013 as Child Abuse Prevention Month

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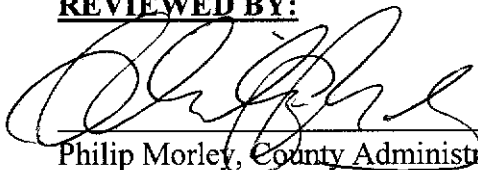
**STATEMENT OF ISSUE:**

Kelly Matlock, Jefferson County Public Health has requested approval of the proclamation proclaiming April, 2013 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve Proclamation re: Proclaiming April, 2013 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*, 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 2013 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 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013.

SEAL:

JEFFERSON COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

John Austin, Chairman

Phil Johnson, Member

ATTEST:

Raina Randall  
Deputy Clerk of the Board

David Sullivan, Member