

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. CP11-0287

Recognizing April as Child Abuse Prevention Month

WHEREAS, children are key to the City of Denver's future success, prosperity, and quality of life and, while children are our most valuable resource, they are also our most vulnerable; and

WHEREAS, strong families are essential to raising healthy children and must be supported and strengthened in their important work to raise Denver's children; and

WHEREAS, all children have the right to a safe and healthy childhood, to live in a loving and nurturing environment, and to be secure and well cared for in their homes, schools, and communities; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect can be prevented by supporting and strengthening families, thus preventing the far-reaching effects of maltreatment, providing the opportunity for children to develop healthy, trusting family bonds; and consequently, building the foundations of communities; and

WHEREAS, strong families and safe, healthy children reduce the likelihood that abuse and neglect will continue in the next generation; and

WHEREAS, effective family strengthening programs succeed when partnerships are created between and among local government and human service agencies, schools, religious and civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, health care providers, the media, the business community, and, most importantly, parents themselves; and

WHEREAS, all citizens must work to support and strengthen families within their communities to prevent the devastating, pervasive, and on-going consequences of child abuse and neglect by working to protect children, and by giving parents the skills and support they need to raise their children in a safe and nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, "Pinwheels for Prevention" planted in gardens around Denver serve as a reminder that every child can have a bright and positive future with the support of our community in preventing child abuse from ever happening in the first place.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

Section 1. That the Denver City Council recognizes the month of April 2011 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the City & County of Denver and urges citizens, community and faith-based organizations, businesses, and government agencies to create alliances and increase their efforts to strengthen Denver's families and protect Denver's children.

Section 2. That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall attest and affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to the Denver Children's Advocacy Center.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL _____ 2011

PRESIDENT