

## Proclamation CP14-0277 Recognizing April as "HELP KIDS THRIVE - CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION Month"

WHEREAS, the City & County of Denver joins businesses, government agencies, nonprofits, and dozens of other organizations across the state in observing April as "HELP KIDS THRIVE"- CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION Month; and

**WHEREAS,** blue ribbons and pinwheel gardens on display throughout the city signify the importance of keeping families stable, helping kids thrive, and upholding a strong community; and

**WHEREAS,** we thank child care providers, doctors, nurses, parents, police officers, social workers, teachers, along with all organizations, and people who dedicate their lives to caring for and protecting children; and

**WHEREAS**, we prepare children for the future by keeping them active and engaged, giving them access to the programs and resources they need no matter what their family's station in life; and

WHEREAS, children have the right to thrive, learn and grow to their full potential; and

**WHEREAS**, we encourage families to surround themselves with a strong support system comprised of friends, loved ones and neighbors and remember to lean on them when times get tough; and

**WHEREAS,** we must come together to keep children safe, ensuring that children's voices are heard by all and extending a helping hand to children and families in need, and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Human Services extends a helping hand to children and families in need by offering free parenting workshops during the month of April, and

**WHEREAS**, we ask all Denver residents to observe this month with programs and activities that help kids thrive, keep families stable and support a healthy community in a world-class city, where everyone matters.

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

Section 1. That the Denver City Council proclaims April 2014 as "HELP KIDS THRIVE"- CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION Month" in the City & County of Denver.

**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 Denver Department of Human Services.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL April 1, 2014

PRESIDENT