

City of Nappanee, Indiana

Proclamation

From the Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, every child deserves to grow up in a safe, nurturing environment, free from abuse, neglect, and exploitation, where they can thrive and reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect are egregious offenses that inflict profound harm, impacting the physical, emotional, and psychological welfare of children, families, and entire communities.

WHEREAS, it is imperative that we work together as a community to raise awareness and education about child abuse prevention, provide support and resources to families in need, and empower individuals to recognize the signs of abuse and take action to protect vulnerable children; and

WHEREAS, efforts of CAPS Elkhart has led to a 30% reduction in instances of child abuse over the past 12 years; and

WHEREAS, blue and silver pinwheels are recognized as a symbol of child abuse prevention and are a physical reminder of the positive cycles of love and support that end abuse and lead to healthy and happy childhoods; and

WHEREAS, April serves as an opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to preventing child abuse and neglect, promoting the well-being of all children, and ensuring that every child grows up in a loving and supportive environment;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip W. Jenkins, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of Nappanee, do hereby proclaim April 2024 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Nappanee, Indiana. I call upon all citizens, organizations, and government agencies to join together in raising awareness about child abuse prevention, supporting victims and survivors, and working towards the goal of ending child abuse in our communities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Office of the Mayor of the City of Nappanee to be affixed this 1st day of April Two Thousand and Twenty-four.

April 1, 2024

Date

Mayor, City of Nappanee