

Proclamation NO. 2011-01

A PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Whereas, The Child Center, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization whose mission statement is responding to child abuse through a supportive team approach to reduce the trauma to children and their non-offending family members by **Healing—Helping—Hope**, and

Whereas, preventing child abuse and neglect is a community problem that depends on involvement among people throughout the community;

Whereas, child maltreatment occurs when people find themselves in stressful situations, without community resources, and don't know how to cope;

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

Whereas, child abuse and neglect can be reduced by making sure each family has the support they need to raise their children in a healthy environment;

Whereas, child abuse and neglect not only directly harm children, but also increase the likelihood of criminal behavior, substance abuse, health problems such as heart disease and obesity, and risky behavior such as smoking;

Whereas, all citizens should become involved in supporting families in raising their children in a safe, nurturing environment;

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;

Therefore, I do hereby proclaim April as Child Abuse Prevention Month and call upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in which we live.

Read and passed by the Board of Alderman of the City of New Melle this _____ day of _____, 2011.

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

President of the Board of Alderman

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Mayor