

Child Abuse Prevention Month

WHEREAS, child abuse is a community problem and finding solutions depends on involvement among people throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, statistics of children who are abused and neglected increase each year; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, religious organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and

WHEREAS, youth-serving prevention programs offer positive alternatives for young people and encourage youth to develop strong ties to their community; and

WHEREAS, the health and well-being of our children must be of the highest priority for the city of Glendale; and

WHEREAS, all citizens should become aware of child abuse and its prevention within the community, and become involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Elaine M. Scruggs, Mayor of the city of Glendale, Arizona, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2006, as

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and urge all citizens to renew their commitment to preventing child abuse and neglect.

In Witness Thereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 22 day of March 2006.