

Proclamation

WHEREAS, all citizens have a legal responsibility as individuals and a moral obligation as members of a community to ensure the well being of children; and

WHEREAS, the effects of child abuse are felt by whole communities and need to be addressed by the entire community; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the State of Indiana, through the Department of Child Services, continues to facilitate progress toward realizing the goal of protecting children and of providing high quality, uniform treatment services for these children and their families; and

WHEREAS, Hendricks County, Indiana continues to promote a pro-active response to the problems of child abuse and neglect by supporting the efforts of such organizations as Healthy Families Hendricks County, Department of Child Services, Children's Bureau, Community Partners for Child Safety, MADD, Head Start Hendricks County, and Prevent Child Abuse Hendricks County.

WHEREAS, it is imperative that we acquire a working knowledge of the phenomenon of child abuse and neglect and that we demonstrate support for work of both professionals and volunteers involved in providing child protection, rehabilitation, and prevention services;


NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the Board of County Commissioners of Hendricks County, Indiana do hereby proclaim April 2018 as


CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

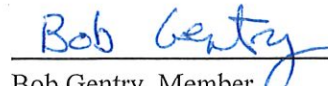
in Hendricks County, Indiana and call upon all citizens, community agencies, religious organizations, medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to prevent child abuse, thereby strengthening the communities in which we live.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this 27th day of March 2018.


Matthew D. Whetstone, President


Phyllis A. Palmer, Vice President


Bob Gentry, Member