



Child Abuse Prevention Council

Of Butte County

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To: Biggs City Council
From: Margie Ruegger
Date: March 4, 2014
Re: Proclamation for Child Abuse Prevention Month

As you may already know, April is officially designated **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**, which gives our community an opportunity to focus our attention on a very profound tragedy. To reduce the incidence of child abuse and neglect five protective factors should be implemented in Biggs; Parental resilience, social connections, knowledge of parenting and child development, concrete support in times of need and social and emotion competence of children.

The Child Abuse Prevention Council of Butte County provides prevention advocates a chance to join together and coordinate their efforts to solve this problem in Butte County. We are pleased with the commitment the Biggs City Council has made to programs assisting families in Butte County. It is a colossal task.

So, we are asking you to make an official proclamation designating April **Child Abuse Prevention Month** in our community. A representative from the Council would be honored to pick up a proclamation from the City Council. Please inform us of the date and time.

Sincerely,

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**PROCLAMTION “PROCLAIMING APRIL 2014 AS
CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH”**

WHEREAS, Child abuse and neglect continues to be a problem in the City of Biggs, and in Butte County with 462 children in care and,

WHEREAS, Preventing child abuse and neglect means helping families build strengths so that their children can thrive, and

WHEREAS, Protective factors are the strengths that families can draw upon when life gets difficult, and

WHEREAS, The five protective factors listed here have been proven to strengthen families and prevent child abuse and neglect:

Parental resilience
Social Connections
Knowledge of parenting and child development
Concrete support in times of need
Social and emotional competence of children, and

WHEREAS, Knowledge of these factors makes it possible for communities to provide programs and resources to help strengthen families,

WHEREAS, Effective programs succeed because of partnerships among human services agencies, community based organizations, schools, the faith community, law enforcement, and the business community, the new 211 phone service, and

WHEREAS, Butte County Child Abuse Prevention Council provides a collaborative forum for the planning and implementation of family strengthening programs, and

WHEREAS, April is recognized by the U.S. Congress as Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Biggs City Council that April 2014 is Child Abuse Prevention Awareness and Family Strengthening Month in the City of Biggs. The Biggs City Council is committed to increasing community efforts to strengthen families, thereby reducing the incidence of child abuse and neglect in the City of Biggs.

Dated: March 11, 2014

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