

**PROCLAMTION "PROCLAIMING APRIL 2015 AS
CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH"**

WHEREAS, National Child Abuse Prevention Month will be recognized throughout the United States, as well as in the great state of California during the month of April 2015; and

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

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

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; and

WHEREAS, child abuse is considered to be one of the our nation's most serious public health problems with scientific studies documenting the link between the abuse and neglect of children and a wide range of medical, emotional, psychological and behavioral disorders; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among state and local government agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement and the business community

NOW THEREFORE, the Biggs City Council do hereby proclaim April as Child Abuse Prevention Month 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.

Dated: April 14, 2015

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To: Biggs City Council
From: Margie Ruegger
Date: March 8, 2015
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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