

Proclamation

Child Abuse Prevention Month April, 2016

Whereas: Child Abuse Prevention Month began in 1983 to raise awareness of the alarming rates at which children were being abused and neglected; and

Child Abuse is defined as any physical, sexual, or emotional mistreatment or neglect of a child, and is a criminal offence, regardless of gender, cultural background and socio-economic status; and

Every child deserves to grow up in a healthy, safe and nurturing environment; and

Child abuse continues to be one of our nation's most serious health problems. Studies have shown child abuse and neglect causes psychological, emotional, and physical harm which can create lifelong problems for victims of abuse; and

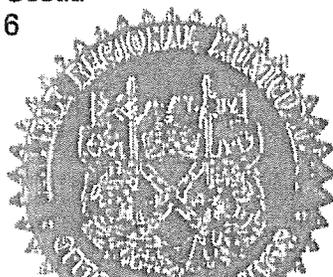
Child abuse and neglect impacts our entire society and our society's future; and

Child abuse prevention is a community responsibility and finding solutions depends on the involvement of all people; and

This month, we emphasize the importance of understanding the devastating problem of child abuse and neglect, and commit to learn more about the behavioural and physical signs of possible abuse.

Therefore: I, Mayor Mike Savage on behalf of Regional Council do hereby proclaim the month of April 2016 to be Child Abuse Prevention Month in Halifax, and urge all citizens to work together to help reduce child abuse and neglect significantly in years to come.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia
this month of April, 2016



Original Signed

Mike Savage
Mayor