

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, COLORADO**

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 2017 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION
MONTH.**

WHEREAS, all Douglas County children deserve to grow up in a safe and nurturing environment free from abuse and neglect; and

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WHEREAS, Douglas County Human Services received 3718 reports to its Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline in 2016; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships among human services, schools, mental health agencies, non-profit and faith-based organizations, law enforcement agencies, health care providers and the business community; along with parents and grandparents; and

WHEREAS, families and the public can report suspicion of child abuse and neglect by calling 303-663-6270 or 1-844-CO4KIDS (264-5437); and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect often occur when people find themselves in stressful, situations, without family or community resources, and not knowing how to cope; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect can be reduced by making sure each family has the support and knowledge they need to raise their children in a healthy and loving environment; and

WHEREAS, everyone in the community should become more aware of child abuse prevention and consider helping parents so that they can raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Douglas, Colorado, hereby proclaim the month of April 2017 to be Child Abuse Prevention Month in Douglas County, and urge all citizens to work together to address and significantly reduce child abuse and neglect now and in the future.

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BY:



ROGER A. PARTRIDGE, Chair

ATTEST:



MEGHAN MCCANN, Deputy Clerk

