

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

PROCLAMATION IN OBSERVANCE OF CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Whereas, child abuse and neglect is a complex and ongoing problem in our society, affecting thousands of children and their families in the State of Delaware; and

Whereas, 21,530 reports of alleged child abuse, neglect or dependency were received by the Division of Family Services in Fiscal Year 2019; and

Whereas, every child is entitled to be loved, cared for, nurtured, feel secure and be free from verbal, sexual, emotional and physical abuse, and neglect; and

Whereas, it is the responsibility of every adult who comes in contact with a child to protect that child's inalienable right to a safe and nurturing childhood; and further, it is a legal responsibility for every adult in Delaware to report child abuse and neglect; and

Whereas, Delaware has dedicated individuals and organizations who work daily to counter the problem of child maltreatment and to help families obtain the assistance they need; and

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

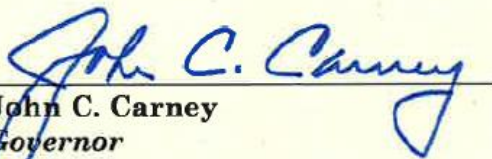
Whereas, all citizens, community agencies, faith organizations, and businesses should work to increase their efforts to support families.

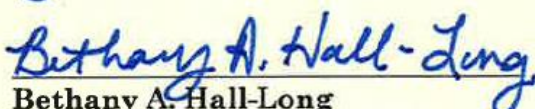
***Now, Therefore, We, John Carney, Governor,
and Bethany Hall-Long, Lieutenant Governor,***
do hereby declare April 2020, as

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

in the State of Delaware, and encourage all Delawareans to cherish our children and join in protecting them from all forms of physical, sexual and emotional abuse.




John C. Carney
Governor


Bethany A. Hall-Long
Lieutenant Governor