



VILLAGE OF BOYS TOWN

Proclamation

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect are a serious problem affecting every segment of our community, and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone; and

WHEREAS, Father Flanagan founded the Village of Boys Town in 1917 as a safe haven for boys, many of whom were suffering from abuse and or neglect; and

WHEREAS, our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future of the State of Nebraska and our entire country; and

WHEREAS, child abuse can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that have lasting consequences for victims of abuse; and

WHEREAS, protective factors are conditions that reduce or eliminate risk and promote the social, emotional, and developmental well-being of children; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention activities succeed because of the partnerships created between child welfare professionals, education, health, community and faith-based organizations, businesses, law enforcement agencies, and families; and

WHEREAS, communities must make every effort to promote programs and activities that create strong and thriving children and families; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and contribute to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment; and

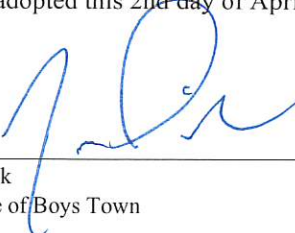
WHEREAS, prevention remains the best defense for our children and families.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE PROCLAIMED by Joe Pick, on behalf of the Village of Boys Town, Nebraska, that April is

"CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH"

In the Village of Boys Town, Nebraska, we urge all citizens to recognize this month by dedicating ourselves to the task of improving the quality of life for all children and families.

Duly adopted this 2nd day of April 2024.



Joe Pick
Village of Boys Town