



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; and

WHEREAS, child abuse can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that traumatize victims of abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, protective factors are conditions that can help reduce or eliminate the risk of abuse and neglect; and, support healthy development of children; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse and neglect prevention supports and resources are successful because of partnerships between child welfare professionals, school personnel, healthcare providers, community and faith-based organizations, businesses, law enforcement agencies, and families, friends and neighbors; and every one of us is a mandatory reporter; and

WHEREAS, communities must make every effort to promote programs and activities that create strong and thriving children and families; because child abuse and neglect is all our problems; and

WHEREAS, we must work together to increase the awareness of child abuse neglect and 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 Scott Hartman, 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 7th day of April 2026.



Scott Hartman, Village of Boys Town