

Proclamation

WHEREAS, preventing child abuse and neglect is a problem that requires citizens to be involved;

WHEREAS, child maltreatment occurs when people find themselves in stressful situations without resources, and don't know how to cope;

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect can be reduced by making sure families have the support they need to raise their children in a healthy environment;

WHEREAS, in Stevens County, Washington we have dedicated individuals at Kids First working with organizations daily to counter the problem of child abuse and neglect, and help parents obtain the assistance they need;

WHEREAS, all children deserve freedom from verbal abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, physical abuse and neglect;

WHEREAS, all children deserve to have warm homes, loving hugs, tender care, parents and adults who listen and promote self-esteem, give quality time, provide necessary food, shelter, clothing and attention;

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies and the business community;

WHEREAS, it is indeed appropriate and fitting to focus attention upon the prevention of child abuse and neglect in Stevens County, Washington.

THEREFORE, we, the Board of Stevens County Commissioners for the county of Stevens in the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim **April 2014**, as

"Child Abuse Prevention Month"

and proclaim and call upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, and businesses to increase participation in our efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in which we live.

Passed by the Board of Stevens County Commissioners meeting in regular session at Colville, Washington, by the following vote, then signed by its membership and attested to by its Clerk in authorization of such passage the 11th day of April, 2014.

3 YEA; 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; and 0 ABSENT

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF STEVENS COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Chairman Wes McCart


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ATTEST:


Polly Coleman, Clerk of the Board