

*TOWN OF FOUNTAIN HILLS
PROCLAMATION*

WHEREAS, preventing child abuse and neglect is a community problem that depends on involvement among people throughout the community; and

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

WHEREAS, the majority of child abuse cases stem from situations and conditions that are preventable in an engaged and supportive community; and

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

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect not only directly harm children, but also increase the likelihood of criminal behavior, substance abuse, health problems and risky behavior;

WHEREAS, all citizens should become involved in supporting families in raising their children in a safe, nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, all citizens should be supportive of child abuse prevention programs in the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Jay T. Schlum, do hereby proclaim April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the Town of Fountain Hills, and call upon all citizens to do their part in preventing child abuse and strengthening the community in which we live.



JTS
Jay T. Schlum, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bevelyn J. Bender
Bevelyn J. Bender, Town Clerk