



proclamation

WHEREAS, one in five children will be abused by the age of 18 and it is vital those at risk learn to stop abuse before it starts and children in crisis know support is available; and

WHEREAS, children are our hope for the future and caring for them is one of our greatest responsibilities. During National Child Abuse Prevention Month, we renew our commitment to preventing child abuse and neglect by promoting healthy families and protecting children; and

WHEREAS, although a strong family unit is the best deterrent to child abuse, effectively intervening in the lives of children threatened by abuse is a shared responsibility; and

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

WHEREAS, by strengthening families and providing safe, stable, and nurturing environments that are free from violence, abuse, and neglect, opportunities are created for our children's optimal growth and success, ensuring a secure future for our community, where the needs of children are a priority and the needs of families are met; and

WHEREAS, we can join together as individuals, organizations, and government agencies to prevent child abuse in our community by providing education, skills training, and support and by raising awareness of relevant topics, including child development, basic-care skills, discipline strategies, and goal-setting for parents;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rodney S. Craig, President of the Village of Hanover Park, do hereby proclaim the month of **April, 2022** as **Child Abuse Prevention Month** in the Village of Hanover Park and call upon all residents, community agencies, faith groups, businesses, criminal justice officials and elected leaders to increase their participation in efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the community in which we live.

dated this 7th day of April 2022.



Rodney S. Craig
Mayor of the Village of Hanover Park

