



proclamation

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a community problem affecting both the current and future quality of life in our community; and

WHEREAS, when parents and caregivers have support from loved ones, friends and their community, they are more likely to provide safe and healthy environments for children; and

WHEREAS, communities must make every effort to promote programs that benefit children and their families; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs are essential and succeed because of community partnerships created among citizens, social service agencies, schools, businesses, law enforcement, faith-based organizations, civic organizations, and other child-serving agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rodney S. Craig, President of the Village of Hanover Park, do hereby proclaim the month of **April 2023** 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 6th Day of April, 2023.

Rodney S. Craig

Mayor of the Village of Hanover Park

Kristy Merrill

Village Clerk