

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, children are vital to our state's future success, prosperity, and quality of life, as well as being our most valuable assets; and

WHEREAS, all children deserve to have the safe, stable, nurturing homes and communities they need to foster their healthy growth and development; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a community responsibility affecting both the current and future quality of a community; and

WHEREAS, communities that provide parents with the social support and resources they need to cope with stress and nurture their children help ensure all children grow to their full potential; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention strategies succeed because of partnerships created among citizens, human services agencies, schools, faith-based organizations, and the business community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Saliba, Mayor of the City of Dothan, and in such capacity, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2021, as

"CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH"

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Dothan to be affixed the 6th day of April, 2021.

SEAL



Attest:

Wendy Shiver
City Clerk

Mark Saliba
Mayor