

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, everyone in the State of Alabama has a role to play in promoting the social and emotional well-being of children and families in our communities; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect are serious problems affecting every segment of our community, and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone; and

WHEREAS, child abuse can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that have lasting consequences for victims of abuse; and

WHEREAS, the most important thing we can do to help children thrive is to support families before they reach a crisis; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention strategies and training succeed because of the partnerships created between child welfare professionals, education, health, community, faith-based organizations, businesses, law enforcement agencies, and families; and

WHEREAS, we must all work together to increase awareness about child abuse and create safe and healthy environments for children where they can live with supportive families and engaged communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Saliba, Mayor of the City of Dothan, and in such capacity, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2023, as

"CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH"

and urge all citizens to recognize this month by dedicating ourselves to the task of improving the quality of life for all children and families.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Dothan to be affixed the 4th day of April, 2023.

SEAL



Attest:

Wendy Shiver
City Clerk

Mark Saliba
Mayor