



PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

***WHEREAS**, in Federal fiscal year 2022, nearly 3.1 million children received either an investigation response or alternative response; and*

***WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect is a serious problem affecting every segment of our community, and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone; and*

***WHEREAS**, our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future of the City of Imperial Beach; and*

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

***WHEREAS**, protective factors are conditions that reduce or eliminate risk and promote the social, emotional, and developmental well-being of children; and*

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

***WHEREAS**, communities must make every effort to promote programs and activities that create strong and thriving children and families; and*

***WHEREAS**, we acknowledge that we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and contribute to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment; and*

***WHEREAS**, prevention remains the best defense for our children and families.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that I, Paloma Aguirre, Mayor of the City of Imperial Beach, together with the City Council, do hereby recognize April 2024 as “National Child Abuse Prevention Month” in the City of Imperial Beach 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.*

Dated: April 3, 2024

Paloma Aguirre, Mayor