

GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION



WHEREAS, Wyoming's children are our future. Whenever one child is abused or neglected, all Wyoming residents suffer; and

WHEREAS, every child is precious and deserves to grow up in a healthy, safe, nurturing environment free from the threats, dangers and harmful effects of child abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 735 of children in Wyoming are victims of abuse or neglect each year; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect can be reduced by making sure each family has the support they need to raise their children in a healthy environment; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies and the business community; and

WHEREAS, each April, Child Advocacy Centers of Wyoming, Prevent Child Abuse Wyoming, Wyoming Citizen Review Panel, Protective Services Division of the Wyoming Department of Family Services, Wyoming Office of the Attorney General Division of Victim Services and Wyoming Children's Trust Fund Board and other partners ask Wyoming communities to join together in an effort to prevent abuse and neglect through outreach efforts; and

WHEREAS, this month, we emphasize the importance of understanding the devastating problem of child abuse and neglect, and the need for all Wyoming residents to help families overcome it to protect Wyoming's most valuable asset – our children.

NOW THEREFORE, I, MATTHEW H. MEAD, GOVERNOR, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2011, in the State of Wyoming as

Child Abuse Prevention Month

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Executive Seal of the Governor of Wyoming to be affixed this 11th day of April, 2011.




Matthew H. Mead, Governor
State of Wyoming