

PROCLAMATION
Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month
April 2020

WHEREAS, abuse and neglect are suffered by children in our communities, regardless of age, race, gender, or economic situation;

WHEREAS, one in 10 children will be sexually abused before the age of 18;

WHEREAS, this reported maltreatment is only a portion of the overall problem threatening our children, for so many cases go unreported, and today's technology has brought with it a new and dangerous form of child endangerment – the online predator;

WHEREAS, the devastating consequences of physical and emotional abuse of our children affects the community as a whole and finding solutions needs to be attended to by the community as a whole;

WHEREAS, *CARE House of Oakland County* works to break the cycle of child abuse and neglect; provides a protective circle of light and hope for a better life; advocates for the safety and protection of children; and partners with community organizations and agencies to offer programs and services aimed at preventing child abuse.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Michael Webb, Mayor of the City of Hazel Park, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, do hereby proclaim April 2020 as Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month in the City of Hazel Park, and call on all citizens, community agencies, organizations, and businesses to increase their participation in efforts to prevent the abuse of our children, thereby strengthening and protecting the community in which we live.



Honorable Mayor Michael Webb

Proclaimed this 25TH day of February, 2020