

PROCLAMATION

"Child Abuse Prevention Month"

April 2009

WHEREAS, all children deserve to grow up free from physical and emotional abuse; and

WHEREAS, the majority of child abuse and neglect cases stem from stressful situations and conditions that are lessened in an engaged and supportive community; and

WHEREAS, child maltreatment is a preventable harm that depends on the awareness and involvement of all citizens in Carson City; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect not only directly harm children, but also increase the likelihood of criminal behavior, substance abuse, health problems such as heart disease and obesity, and risky behavior; and

WHEREAS, partnerships created among public health and social service agencies, schools, religious and civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community support the successes of effective child-abuse prevention programs; and

WHEREAS, our community is stronger when all citizens become aware of child abuse and neglect prevention and become involved in supporting parents in raising their children in a safe the nurturing environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert L. Crowell, Mayor of Carson City, Nevada, on behalf of the Board of Supervisors do hereby proclaim April 2009 **"Child Abuse Prevention Month"** and encourage all citizens to increase their participation in efforts to prevent child abuse, thereby strengthening the community in which we live.



Dated this 2nd Day of April 2009.


Robert L. Crowell, Mayor