



Jon Meade Huntsman, Jr.

Governor

Declaration

Whereas, all children deserve to experience and enjoy a carefree and innocent childhood and child abuse is a serious and growing problem affecting more than 12,571 of Utah's children annually;

Whereas, statistics show that threats to Utah's children and families cross several program lines resulting in further costs for the State;

Whereas, domestic violence-related child abuse continues to be the most prevalent form of child abuse in Utah, and the incidence of sexual abuse follows as the second most common form of abuse;

Whereas, 60 percent of children in the custody of the Division of Child and Family Services are affected by substance abuse by a caregiver;

Whereas, child abuse respects no racial, religious, or geographic boundaries;

Whereas, all Utahns should become more aware of child abuse and its prevention within their respective communities, and actively encourage and support parents to raise their children in a safe and nurturing environment; and,

Whereas, preventing child abuse also depends on the efforts of Utahns to make a positive, substantial impact on our children who will become the leaders of tomorrow;

Now, Therefore, I, Jon M. Huntsman, Jr., Governor of the State of Utah, do hereby declare April 2009 as

Child Abuse Prevention Month


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