

*Joint Proclamation
Ogden City Mayor and City Council*

**DECLARING APRIL 2008 AS
“NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH”
IN OGDEN CITY**

WHEREAS, The devastating consequences of physical and emotional abuse of our children effects the entire community. We all need to be involved in protecting the safety and well-being of the children in our city; and

WHEREAS, Important progress has been made in protecting our children, but this is a complex and ongoing problem in our society in which too many children still suffer from abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, Child abuse respects no racial, religious, class, or geographic boundaries, and finding solutions depends on the involvement of a caring community; and

WHEREAS, All children deserve to experience and enjoy a carefree and innocent childhood. When children are surrounded by positive relationships and experiences, they are more likely to grow into confident and caring adults; and

WHEREAS, The people of Ogden can become more involved in child abuse prevention and actively lend encouragement and support to parents, enabling them to raise their children in a safe and nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, Ogden City is fortunate to have the Weber/Morgan Children’s Justice Center (CJC) that provides a comfortable, neutral, child-friendly atmosphere for victims of child abuse. The children served at CJC range in age from newborn through age eighteen; and

WHEREAS, Ogden City encourages businesses and individuals to support CJC “where small voices can be heard” in their important mission to prevent child abuse in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, Mayor Matthew R. Godfrey and the Ogden City Council do hereby proclaim April 2008 as:

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in Ogden. We encourage all people to join us in becoming advocates for children to create a society where child abuse is not tolerated. We ask everyone to actively foster a caring community that supports the protection of our children and the end of child abuse and neglect.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of April 2008.

MATTHEW R. GODFREY
MAYOR OF OGDEN

AMY L. WICKS, CHAIR
OGDEN CITY COUNCIL

ATTEST:

Cindi Mansell, City Recorder