

PROCLAMATION

April 2018 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Garden Grove

WHEREAS, In Garden Grove, as in any community, children are our most precious members who deserve to grow in a safe, happy, healthy, stable, and caring environment where they can experience the wonders of childhood, free of violence, neglect, and abuse; and

WHEREAS, In Orange County, an average of 120 children are reported as victims of child abuse every day, with 30% of all reported cases involving children under the age of five; child abuse leads to increased risk of crime, suicide, substance abuse, domestic violence, human trafficking, teen pregnancy, and poor health; and

WHEREAS, During the month of April, the City of Garden Grove is partnering with Families and Communities Together (FaCT) to bring awareness to services designed to reduce the risk of child abuse and neglect; FaCT is a network of family resource centers dedicated to providing family support and services to Orange County families; and

WHEREAS, Since 1999, Garden Grove’s Magnolia Park Family Resource Center, a FaCT member, has provided Garden Grove residents with vital community services to achieve its mission of “Building Healthy Communities, One Family at a Time,” through core services that include teen and youth programs, counseling, family support services, parenting education, and domestic violence personal empowerment program; and

WHEREAS, Magnolia Park Family Resource Center, along with the Buena Clinton Youth and Family Center, volunteers, neighbors, service organizations, law enforcement, educators, and others who lend a hand to abused children in our community, deserve our deepest appreciation and praise.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Garden Grove does hereby proclaim April 2018 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Garden Grove, commends the remarkable services of Magnolia Park Family Resource Center, and urges all communities to take actions to end the tragedy of child abuse in our nation.

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