

**PROCLAMATION**

**April 2019 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, According to the 2018 Orange County Community Indicators report, between 2008 and 2017, child abuse reporting increased by 9%, while substantiated allegations fell 46%; in 2017 alone, reports of child abuse increased by 2%, with substantiated allegations decreasing by 15%; children under 6 years old made up the largest proportion of substantiated allegations; and

WHEREAS, In observance of April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month, the Garden Grove Police Department’s School Resource Officers (SROs) were recently honored for their efforts in bringing awareness and preventing child abuse and neglect in Garden Grove by the Raise Foundation, a private non-profit officially designated as Orange County’s Child Abuse Prevention Council, at their 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Blue Ribbon Kick-Off Ceremony; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the City of Garden Grove actively places efforts in raising awareness and preventing child abuse through family support services and events offered by the Magnolia Park Family Resource Center and the Buena Clinton Youth and Family Center, such as the Family Fun Day at Magnolia Park on Thursday, April 25, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Other local activities observing the Blue Ribbon month include a pinwheel garden “planted” at the Garden Grove Chapman Library to raise awareness and memorialize children who died last year from abuse and neglect.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Garden Grove does hereby proclaim April 2019 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Garden Grove, commends the Garden Grove Police Department’s SROs for their remarkable services, and urges all communities to take actions to end the tragedy of child abuse in our nation.

April 9, 2019

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