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PROCLAMATION FOR CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS: We all have a responsibility, as individuals, neighbors, community members and citizens of the CITY OF SHELBYVILLE to help create healthy, safe and nurturing experiences for children; and

WHEREAS: safe and healthy childhoods help produce confident and successful adults; and

WHEREAS: child abuse and neglect often occurs when people find themselves in stressful situations, without community resources, and don't know how to cope; and

WHEREAS: the majority of child abuse cases stem from situations and conditions that are preventable in an engaged and supportive community; and

WHEREAS: child abuse and neglect can be reduced by making sure every family has the support they need and deserve to raise their children in a healthy environment; and

WHEREAS: it is recognized that no one person can do everything, but that everyone can do something, and together we can create change for the better; and

WHEREAS: effective prevention programs succeed because of partnerships among agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and

WHEREAS: displaying a pinwheel or planting a pinwheel garden in April will serve as a positive reminder that together we can prevent child abuse and keep children safe.

Now, Therefore, I, Scott A. Furgeson, Mayor of the City of Shelbyville, do hereby proclaim April 2024 as:

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

in the City Of Shelbyville, and I urge all citizens to engage in activities that strengthen families and communities to provide the optimal environment for children to learn, grow and thrive so that all children have the benefit of happy, healthy and safe childhoods.

MAYOR

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Mayor of the City of Shelbyville, Indiana, to be affixed this 11th day of April, 2024.

CITY OF SHELBY VILLE

Scott A. Furgeson, Mayor