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Board of County Commissioners
205 W. 5th, Ste. 108
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RE: Child Abuse Prevention Proclamation

Dear Commissioners:

This is to request that the County of Kittitas proclaim the month of April 2016 as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Child Abuse Prevention Month is recognized throughout the country annually during the month of April.

For your convenience, I am attaching a proclamation that may be used. It would be appreciated if this matter could be on the agenda for your first meeting in April.

Court Advocates for Children is the not for profit agency providing Kittitas County Superior Court with trained volunteers to represent the best interests of abused and neglected children in dependency proceedings. We would be happy to send a representative from our agency to speak briefly to the proclamation at the meeting if that would be desired.

Very truly yours,

Carol Newell Pidduck, J.D.
Executive Director



April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Whereas, children are vital to our county's future success, prosperity and quality of life and are our most vulnerable assets;

Whereas, all children deserve to have safe, stable, nurturing homes and communities to foster their healthy growth and development;

Whereas, child abuse and neglect affects both the current and future quality of life of a community;

Whereas, communities help ensure that all children grow to their full potential by providing parents with social support, knowledge of parenting and child development, and concrete resources to help them nurture their children;

Whereas, effective child abuse prevention strategies succeed because of partnerships among citizens, human service agencies, schools, faith communities, health care providers, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies and the business community;

NOW, therefore, I do hereby proclaim **APRIL** as **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH** and call upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, elected leaders and businesses in the County of Kittitas to participate in efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in which we live.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2016

County Commissioners:

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Attest: _____
Clerk