

**Village of Arlington Heights Proclamation
Child Abuse Prevention Month
April 2024**

WHEREAS, every child deserves to grow up in a nurturing environment, free from abuse, neglect, violence or endangerment of any kind; and,

WHEREAS, 125,000 children are abused or neglected each year in Illinois;

WHEREAS, the effects of child abuse are felt by whole communities, and must be addressed by the entire community;

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among the courts, social service agencies, schools, religious organizations, law enforcement and the business community;

WHEREAS, Parents Care & Share, a parent support group program of Children's Home & Aid, offering positive parenting resources and alternatives to help break the cycle of abuse, is sponsoring a Blue Bow Campaign to heighten awareness of the need to support families.

WHEREAS, all citizens should become more aware of child abuse within the community and to become involved in its prevention and supporting parents to raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment;

THEREFORE, I, Mayor Thomas W. Hayes, along with the Arlington Heights Village Board of Trustees, do proclaim April 2024 as Child Abuse Prevention Month and call upon all citizens to increase their participation in efforts to prevent child abuse, thereby strengthening the communities in which we live.



Thomas W. Hayes

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