



A PROCLAMATION:
APRIL 2010
NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

As a Nation and as a community, it is our responsibility to build a safe and nurturing society so that our young people can realize their full potential. During **National Child Abuse Prevention Month**, we renew our commitment to preventing child abuse and rededicate ourselves to working together to ensure that all children can have a bright and hopeful future.

Whereas, preventing child abuse and neglect is a community problem that depends on involvement of all people throughout the community;

Whereas, child abuse and neglect not only directly harms children, but also increases the likelihood of long term physical and mental health problems, alcohol and substance abuse, continued family violence and criminal behavior;

Whereas, child maltreatment occurs when people find themselves in stressful situations, without community resources and don't know how to cope;

Whereas, the majority of child abuse cases stem from situations and conditions that are preventable in an involved and supportive community;

Whereas, child abuse and neglect can be reduced by making sure that each family has the support they need in raising their children in a safe and nurturing environment;

Whereas, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, faith-based communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies and the business community;

Therefore, we do hereby proclaim

April 2010 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the City of Alamosa and call upon all citizens, community agencies, faith-based groups, and businesses to increase their participation and commitment in our efforts to support families and protect our children from abuse and neglect, helping to ensure that each child can grow up in a secure and loving environment.

Done this 7th day of April, 2010,

 Kathy Rogers, Mayor

