STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the maltreatment, abuse and neglect of children is a significant social problem that damages children physically, mentally and emotionally and inflicts immeasurable harm on society as a whole, and all children deserve to be nurtured, protected and free from physical or emotional harm; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey and the New Jersey Department of Children and Families believe that the best place to raise children is among strong, healthy families; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey is committed to building a continuum of community-based child abuse prevention and intervention programs that are culturally competent, strength-based and family-centered, and support and empower survivors of domestic violence to achieve positive outcomes for children and families;

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Children and Families embraces the Standards for Prevention Programs developed by the New Jersey Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect; and

WHEREAS, all sectors of the community, including law enforcement, medical professionals, schools, courts and media outlets, as well as numerous public and private agencies, have joined forces to promote public awareness and community involvement in strengthening families during the month of April and continuing throughout the year;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

APRIL 2016
AS
CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH

in New Jersey and urge our residents to become involved in efforts aimed at strengthening families and communities and preventing our children from being abused and neglected.

GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this seventh day of March in the year two thousand sixteen, the two hundred fortieth year of the Independence of the United States.

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