

# Proclamation

## NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION MONTH APRIL 2023

**WHEREAS,** child abuse and neglect are a complex and ongoing problem in our society, affecting thousands of children and their families in the State of Arizona; and

**WHEREAS,** every child is entitled to be loved, cared for, nurtured, feel secure and be free from verbal, sexual, emotional and physical abuse, and neglect; and

**WHEREAS,** it is the responsibility of every adult who comes in contact with a child to protect that child's inalienable right to a safe and nurturing childhood; and further, it is a legal responsibility for every adult to report child abuse and neglect; and

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

**WHEREAS,** all citizens, community agencies, faith organizations, and businesses should work to increase their efforts to support families.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Chip Wilson,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Apache Junction, Arizona, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2023 as

## CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION MONTH

Signed and attested to this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2023.

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WALTER "CHIP" WILSON  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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JENNIFER PENA  
City Clerk

