



ROCK ISLAND
ILLINOIS

Mayor Mike Thoms

Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** the City of Rock Island reminds us that child abuse can be prevented; and
- WHEREAS,** every child deserves to be safe, nurtured, and supported in caring relationships; and
- WHEREAS,** everyone has a role to play in preventing child abuse and all citizens must be aware of the importance of supporting parents to raise their children in a safe and nurturing environment; and
- WHEREAS,** too many of our nation's children are exposed to extreme and sustained stress, such as child abuse and neglect, which can be devastating to a child's development; and
- WHEREAS,** we lay the foundation for children's later growth and development with the entire community takes responsibility for creating healthy environments in which to raise our children; and
- WHEREAS,** the children in our community who have fallen victim to maltreatment deserve high quality, evidence-based services, delivered by committed and well supported professionals; and
- WHEREAS,** effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of community partnerships created among families, social service agencies, schools, businesses, law enforcement agencies, faith-based organizations and other child serving agencies; and
- WHEREAS,** it is easier to build strong, healthy children than to heal traumatized adults.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike Thoms, Mayor of the City of Rock Island, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2023 as

Child Abuse Prevention Month

in the City of Rock Island and urge all citizens, businesses, and social institutions to dedicate themselves to the task of supporting parents in their critical job of raising safe, healthy children, while ensuring the health and safety of all children in Rock Island.

Dated this 10th day of April, 2023.



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