

Proclamation

- Whereas,* all children deserve to grow up in a safe, stable and nurturing environment free from fear, abuse and neglect; and
- Whereas,* our City's future success and prosperity depends on nurturing the healthy development of the children residing in our community; and
- Whereas,* the abuse and neglect of children can cause severe, costly and lifelong problems, including physical and mental health problems, school failure and criminal behavior, which affect all of society; and
- Whereas,* research shows that parents and caregivers who have social networks and know how to seek help in times of trouble are more resilient and better able to provide safe environments and nurturing experiences for their children; and
- Whereas,* the COVID-19 pandemic has presented unique and serious risk factors for many families and children are especially vulnerable to the stresses of health risks, school closures, isolation and economic instability in their families; and
- Whereas,* our communities are stronger when all citizens become aware of child abuse prevention and become involved in supporting one another to raise children in a safe and nurturing environment; and
- Whereas,* the City of Manhattan Beach supports Richstone's efforts to treat and prevent child abuse, and to raise awareness about this vital issue in our community.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that I, Suzanne Hadley, Mayor of the City of Manhattan Beach, California, on behalf of the City Council and the residents of Manhattan Beach, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2021 as

National Child Abuse Prevention Month

and call upon all citizens, community agencies and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the community in which we live.

Dated this 20th day of April, 2021.

ATTEST:

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MAYOR SUZANNE HADLEY

