

# PROCLAMATION

## CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, each child deserves to grow up in a nurturing environment where they are loved, cared for, secure, and protected from verbal, sexual, emotional and physical abuse, exploitation, and neglect; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a community problem affecting both the current and future quality of life in our community; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect may occur when people find themselves in stressful situations, without community resources, and do not know how to cope; and

WHEREAS, when parents and caregivers have support from loved ones, friends and their community, they are more likely to provide safe and healthy environments for children; and

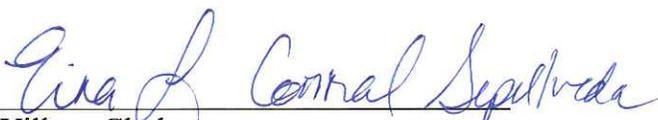
WHEREAS, our community is stronger when all citizens are engaged in preventing child abuse and neglect and are involved in supporting families to provide safe, nurturing environments for their children, which will give them the opportunity to grow up to become caring, contributing members of the community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rodney S. Craig, President of the Village of Hanover Park, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2016 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the Village of Hanover Park and call upon all residents, community agencies, faith groups, businesses, criminal justice officials and elected leaders to increase their participation in efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the community in which we live.

Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016.

  
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Village President

Attest:

  
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Village Clerk