

*State of Maine*



**WHEREAS**, child abuse is a community problem and finding solutions depends on the environment of people throughout the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the effects of child abuse are felt by whole communities, and need to be addressed by the entire community; and

**WHEREAS**, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, religious organizations, businesses and law enforcement agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, youth-serving prevention programs offer positive alternatives for young people and encourage youth to develop strong ties to their community; and

**WHEREAS**, all citizens should become more aware of child abuse and its prevention, and become involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the great State of Maine, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2021 as

**Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month**

in Maine, and I urge all our citizens to work together to support families and promote the social and emotional well-being of children, thereby preventing child abuse and neglect.



In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed GIVEN under my hand at Augusta this twenty-fourth day of March Two Thousand Twenty-One

Janet T. Mills  
Governor

Shenna Bellows  
Secretary of State