

*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 2019 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 fifteenth  
day of March Two Thousand Nineteen



Janet T. Mills  
Governor

Matthew Dunlap  
Secretary of State

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