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**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS**

PROCLAMATION

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

APRIL 2018

WHEREAS, child abuse, be it physical, sexual, emotional abuse or neglect, is a significant problem locally and globally. A report of child abuse is made every ten seconds in the United States amounting to more than 3 million reports of child abuse/neglect every year; and

WHEREAS, the official reports to child protection systems substantially undercounts the true population of abused children; and

WHEREAS, by providing a nurturing environment for children, free of violence, abuse, and neglect, we can ensure all children grow to their full potential, helping to secure the future of this great State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, the Exchange Club of Naperville and its Child Abuse Prevention Center Project HELP continually strive to empower and equip parents as competent and confident caregivers, and to prevent relationships and conditions that lead to child abuse.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Steve Chirico, Mayor of the City of Naperville, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2018, as

**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH
in the City of Naperville**

and urge all citizens to use this time to better respond to this challenge,

AND, FURTHER, I congratulate the Exchange Club of Naperville and Project HELP for their commitment to an exceptional quality of life for parents and children.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Naperville this third day of April, 2018.



Steve Chirico
Mayor



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