

**Sample clauses for a local proclamation of child abuse prevention month
-- fill in the blanks and choose the ones best suited to your community.
Or get creative!!!**

Whereas: More than XXXX children from our city and their families required the services of the Division of Children and Youth annually; and

Whereas: The effects of child abuse and neglect are community problems and finding solutions depends on all segments of the society; and

Whereas: Prevention programs serving youth and parents offer positive alternatives and encourage youth and families to develop strong ties to their communities; and

Whereas: Exposure to childhood trauma has a powerful adverse effect on life-long physical and mental health and is recognized nationally as a major public health issue; and

Whereas: Child abuse can be prevented when all citizens become aware of the importance of supporting parents to raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment;

Now therefore I, XXX, Mayor of the city of XXX do hereby proclaim April 2013 as

**Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month
in XXX**

and urge all citizens, businesses and social institutions to dedicate ourselves to the task of improving the quality of life for children