

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a community condition and problem, and finding solutions depends on involvement among people in the community; and

WHEREAS, approximately 3 million children are reported abused and neglected in this country each year with nearly 17,000 children in Tennessee each year; and

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

WHEREAS, Prevent Child Abuse Tennessee, the Tennessee Child Abuse Prevention Network, and the Tennessee Children's Trust Fund are sponsoring several events throughout the month to heighten public awareness of abuse and neglect in communities around the state; and

WHEREAS, these events will provide information and materials that support families to prevent child maltreatment and celebrate people who work with and support children and families; and

WHEREAS, a statewide "Pinwheels for Prevention" campaign has been launched through the media, public schools, libraries, social service agencies, and businesses during the month of April to celebrate and bring awareness of the great potential of all children in Rhode Island and the need to strengthen all families with support and nurturing; and

WHEREAS, the "Pinwheels for Prevention" campaign includes the planting of "Pinwheel Gardens" statewide celebrating community partnerships for strengthening the family and protecting all children from abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, religious and civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE that April 2013 be proclaimed

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION MONTH

in the City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and that all citizens, community agencies, religious organizations, medical facilities, and businesses increase their participation in efforts to prevent child abuse, thereby strengthening the communities in which we live.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Oak Ridge to be affixed, this the 3rd day of April in the year 2013.

(signature on file)

THOMAS L. BEEHAN
MAYOR