## **Proclamation**

## Child Abuse Prevention Month April, 2021

**Whereas:** Children are the foundation for a prosperous and innovative society, and the foundation for a child's growth and development is established when the community takes responsibility for creating healthy environments where our children can thrive;

**Whereas:** All children deserve to have a safe, stable, nurturing home and community to foster their healthy growth and development;

**Whereas:** Child abuse and neglect is an important societal concern that may affect the long-term health and well being of not only children, but also the adults they become;

Whereas: Child abuse and neglect impacts our entire society and our society's future;

**Whereas:** Child abuse prevention is a shared responsibility and finding solutions requires the involvement and collaboration of citizens, organizations and government entities;

**Whereas:** this month, we emphasize the importance of understanding the devastating problem of child abuse and neglect; and commit to learn more about the behavioural and physical signs of possible abuse.

Therefore: I, Mayor Danny Breen, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2021 to be Child Abuse Prevention Month in St. John's; and urge all citizens to work together to help reduce child abuse and neglect significantly in years to come.

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.



Danny Breen, Mayor

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