



Child Abuse Awareness Month Proclamation

WHEREAS, in 2014, the national rate of child victims was 9.4 percent per 1000 children; in New Mexico the rate was 15.2 percent per 1000 children, and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a serious problem affecting every segment of our community, finding solutions requires input and action from everyone in our community; and

WHEREAS, our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future of our country; and

WHEREAS, child abuse can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that can have lifelong consequences for victims of abuse; and

WHEREAS, protective factors are conditions that reduce or eliminate risk and promote the social, emotional, and developmental well-being of children; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention activities succeed because of the meaningful connections and partnerships created between child welfare, education, health, community- and faith-based organizations, businesses and law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and contribute to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families in a safe, stable, nurturing environment.

WHEREAS, prevention remains the best defense for our children and families.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Roosevelt County Board of Commissioners, join the Portales Woman's Club, to speak up and Speak Out Against Child Abuse with the Pinwheels for Prevention display. We also partner with child abuse advocates and support service programs in the belief that all Roosevelt County residents must be part of the solution to prevent child abuse. Along with the United States Government and State of New Mexico, I do hereby proclaim April as

"Child Abuse Awareness Month"




Commissioner Richard "Rick" Leal
Chairman

