



# Charter Township of Orion

Oakland County, Michigan

## Proclamation

### National Child Abuse Prevention & Awareness Month

*By the Supervisor of the Charter Township of Orion*

**Whereas**, abuse and neglect are suffered by children in our communities, regardless of age, race, gender or economic situation, and

**Whereas**, one in every four girls and one in six boys will be sexually abused before the age of 18, and

**Whereas**, this reported maltreatment is only a portion of the overall problem threatening our children, for so many cases go unreported, and today's technology has brought with it a new and dangerous form of child endangerment, the online predator, and

**Whereas**, the devastating consequences of physical and emotional abuse of our children effects the community as a whole and finding solutions need to be attended to by the community as a whole, and

**Whereas**, the state of Michigan has mandatory reporting by professionals working with children of any suspected abuse and neglect incidences – a major step - but more is needed in the community, and

**Whereas**, CARE House of Oakland county (home of Child Abuse and Neglect Council of Oakland County) works to break the cycle of child abuse and neglect; provides a protective circle of light and hope for a better life; and advocates for the safety and protection of children, and

**Whereas**, CARE House of Oakland County partners with community organizations and agencies to offer programs and services aimed at preventing child abuse and neglect, knowing that effective programs succeed because of the involvement and partnerships created among schools, social service agencies, religious and civic organizations, the business community and law enforcement agencies, and

**Whereas**, children deserve to grow and thrive in an environment that nurtures and keeps them safe.

**Now, Therefore**, I, Chris Barnett, Supervisor of the Charter Township of Orion, do hereby proclaim the month of April as National Child Abuse Prevention & Awareness Month in the Charter Township of Orion and call upon all citizens, community agencies and organizations and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to prevent the abuse of our children, thereby strengthening and protecting the community in which we live.

  
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Chris Barnett, Supervisor  
Charter Township of Orion

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