

# ~P R O C L A M A T I O N~

**Whereas**, Clark County strives to create a safe community so that every child here has a chance to reach his or her full potential; and tragically, we acknowledge that child abuse does occur and join thousands across the United States this April to recognize *Child Abuse Prevention Month*; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Councilors supports the work of the *Arthur D. Curtis Children's Justice Center*, where identification and prosecution of 125 perpetrators of abuse crimes last year made our neighborhoods safer and brought justice for the child victims involved; and, last year the *Children's Justice Center* multidisciplinary team helped hundreds of children receive healing, advocacy and family support services to promote recovery from significant trauma caused by criminal abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, this month the Board of County Councilors encourages all citizens to report suspicions of child abuse, knowing that a report to authorities offers the chance of intervention and prevention to save children from severe injury or death; and

**WHEREAS**, now, because the county's future depends on our care and nurturing of children who are the hope for a bright tomorrow, we, the Board of County Councilors, do hereby proclaim April 2015 as

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in Clark County, Washington, and call upon all citizens to become more aware of the problem, including reading free information on child abuse available in the Public Service Center lobby this month.

Signed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 2015



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