

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a complex and ongoing problem in our society, affecting many children in our community; and,

WHEREAS, every child is entitled to be loved, cared for, nurtured, feel secure, and be free from verbal, sexual, emotional, and physical abuse, and neglect; and,

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of every adult who comes in contact with a child to protect that child's inalienable right to a safe and nurturing childhood; and,

WHEREAS, St. Charles Parish has dedicated individuals and organizations who work daily to counter the problem of child maltreatment and to help parents obtain the assistance they need; and,

WHEREAS, our communities are stronger when all citizens become aware of child maltreatment prevention and become involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe and nurturing environment; and,

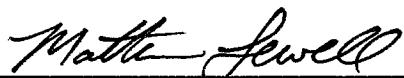
WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships among families, social service agencies, schools, religious and civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and,

WHEREAS, all citizens, community agencies, faith organizations, and businesses will work to increase their efforts to support families.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL AND THE PARISH PRESIDENT, DO HEREBY RETROACTIVELY PROCLAIM APRIL 2020 AS

"CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH"

IN ST. CHARLES PARISH AND CALL UPON ALL CITIZENS, COMMUNITY AGENCIES, FAITH GROUPS, AND BUSINESSES TO INCREASE THEIR PARTICIPATION IN OUR EFFORTS TO SUPPORT FAMILIES, THEREBY PREVENTING CHILD ABUSE AND STRENGTHENING THE COMMUNITIES IN WHICH WE LIVE.



**MATTHEW JEWELL
PARISH PRESIDENT**



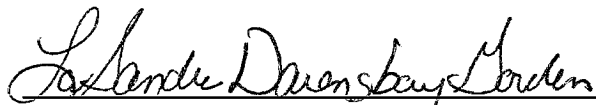
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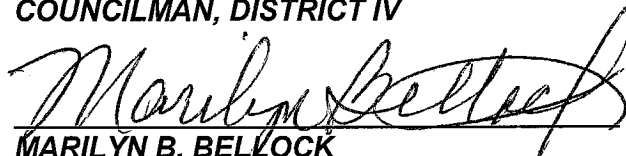
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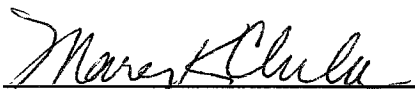
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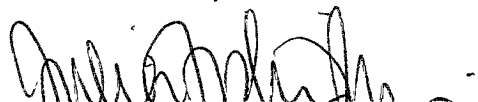
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