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Proclamation 2011-04-02

Dare County, North Carolina
Child Abuse Prevention Month, April 2011 Proclamation

Whereas, preventing child abuse and neglect is a community problem affecting both the current and future quality of life of a community;

Whereas, child maltreatment occurs when people find themselves in stressful situations, without community resources, and do not know how to cope;

Whereas, the majority of child abuse cases stem from situations and conditions that are preventable in an engaged and supportive community.

Whereas, child abuse and neglect can be prevented by making sure each family has the support they need to raise their children in a healthy environment;

Whereas, child abuse and neglect not only cause immediate harm to children, but are also proven to increase the likelihood of criminal behavior, substance abuse, health problems such as heart disease and obesity, and risky behavior such as smoking;

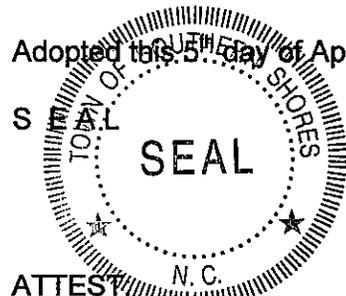
Whereas, all citizens should become involved in supporting families to provide safe, nurturing environments for their children giving them the opportunity to grow up to be caring, contributing members of our community;

Whereas, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social services agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community;

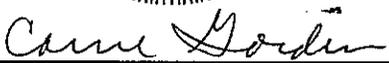
Therefore, we, the Town of Southern Shores do hereby proclaim

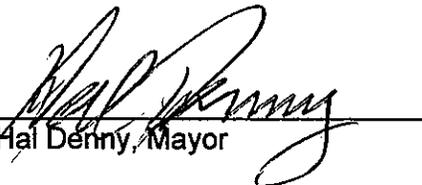
April as Child Abuse Prevention Month and call upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, elected leaders and businesses to increase their participation in their efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the community in which we live.

Adopted this 5th day of April 2011.



ATTEST


Carrie Gordin, Town Clerk


Hal Denny, Mayor