CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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Recommendation:

That the Board of County Commissioners present a proclamation to the Child Abuse Prevention Program designating April 2009 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

BACKGROUND:

Preventing child abuse and neglect is a community problem that depends on involvement among people throughout the community. Child abuse and neglect not only directly harm children, but also increase the likelihood of criminal behavior, substance abuse, health problems such as heart disease and obesity, and risky behavior such as smoking.

Child abuse and neglect can be reduced by making sure each family has the support they need to raise their children in a healthy environment. Effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community.

The Board of County Commissioners is asked to designate April 2009 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Clark County and urge all citizens to increase their participation in efforts to prevent child abuse and strengthen the community in which we live.

Respectfully submitted,

VIRGINIA VALENTINE, County Manager

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