

**PROCLAMATION OF THE TOWN OF ROLESVILLE  
MAYOR AND BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
RECOGNIZING APRIL AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, preventing child abuse and neglect is a community responsibility affecting both the current and future quality of life of a community; and

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

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

**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; and

**WHEREAS**, all citizens should become involved to provide safe, nurturing environments for children in all areas of their lives – at homes, in school, and in the community – offering them the opportunity to grow up to be caring, contributing members of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among citizens, social service agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community.

**NOW THEREFORE THE TOWN OF ROLESVILLE MAYOR AND BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** do hereby proclaim that the month of April shall be known as “Child Abuse Prevention Month” in Rolesville and call upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, elected leaders and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in which we live.

Adopted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016;



Frank Eagles  
Town of Rolesville Mayor



Robin E. Reif  
Town Clerk

