

**CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA  
RESOLUTION 04-17-11**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA,  
ESTABLISHING APRIL 2017 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, Alaska’s children have a right to be safe and be given the opportunity to thrive, learn, and grow to their full potential, benefitting theirs and the next generation; and

**WHEREAS**, Alaskans must be educated and informed about protecting children from abuse, providing safe environments, recognizing “grooming” behaviors of abusers, having an age-appropriate personal safety discussions, helping children choose trusted adults to answer questions and provide help, and what to do if abuse is suspected; and

**WHEREAS**, child abuse and the effect of observing violence in the home creates adverse childhood experiences that can leave psychological, emotional, and physical effects with lifelong consequences for victims and survivors of abuse; and

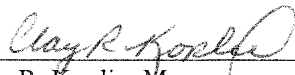
**WHEREAS**, families and communities can come together to create a strong, healthy support network by: providing safe and nurturing homes free of violence, abuse, and neglect, extending helping hands to children and families in need, and providing safe child-friendly activities outside the home; and

**WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect can be prevented by supporting and strengthening Alaska’s families, making meaningful connections and partnerships between schools, professional health services, faith-based organizations, businesses, law enforcement, tribal governments and organizations; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska does hereby proclaim April 2017 as Child Abuse Awareness Month in Cordova, and encourages all Cordovans to create a safe and nurturing environment for children, encourages friends and neighbors to value the safety of children, and give support to individuals and organizations that provide services to at risk and abused children.

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 19<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2017**



  
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Clay R. Koplín, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk