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 19th DAY OF APRIL, 2017

Clay R. Koplin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk