



COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

≡ PROCLAMATION ≡

WHEREAS, child abuse is considered to be one of our nation's most serious public health problems, and scientific studies document the link between the abuse and neglect of children and a wide range of medical, emotional, psychological and behavioral disorders; and

WHEREAS, three million reports of child abuse are made in the United States each year, and of these reported cases, approximately 1,500 result in fatalities; and

WHEREAS, last year, there were nearly 800,000 substantiated cases of child abuse and neglect across the nation, and if abuse is not addressed and treated in childhood, victims may go on to abuse their own children, creating a cycle of abuse; and

WHEREAS, every child is entitled to be loved, cared for, nurtured, feel secure and be free from verbal, sexual, emotional and physical abuse, and neglect; and

WHEREAS, child abuse prevention requires partnerships among federal, state, and local governments, faith-based and community-based organizations, schools, law enforcement, social service agencies, parents, and caregivers; and

WHEREAS, Allegheny County Department of Human Services, Family Resources, a Child's Place at Mercy Hospital, and the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Board are promoting Child Abuse Prevention Month in April with the message "Be a Difference in a Child's Life;" and

WHEREAS, our communities are stronger when all citizens become aware of child maltreatment prevention and become involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe and nurturing environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, I, Allegheny County Executive Dan Onorato, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim April 2010 "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in Allegheny County.

FURTHERMORE I do hereby encourage residents to become involved in supporting efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 1st day of April 2010.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Onorato".

DAN ONORATO
Allegheny County Executive