

**PROCLAMATION  
CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH  
APRIL 2016**

**WHEREAS**, Abuse and neglect are suffered by children in our communities, regardless of age, race, gender, or economic situation; and

**WHEREAS**, One in four girls and one in six boys will be sexually abused before the age of 18. This reported maltreatment is only a portion of the overall problem threatening our children, for so many cases go unreported, and today's technology has brought with it a new and dangerous form of child endangerment, the online predator; and

**WHEREAS**, The devastating consequences of physical and emotional abuse of our children affects the community as a whole and finding solutions needs to be attended to by the community as a whole; and

**WHEREAS**, The State of Michigan has mandatory reporting by professionals working with children of any suspected abuse and neglect incidences—a major step—but more is needed in the community; and

**WHEREAS, CARE House of Oakland County** works to break the cycle of child abuse and neglect; provides a protective circle of light and hope for a better life; and advocates for the safety and protection of children; and

**WHEREAS, CARE House of Oakland County** partners with community organizations and agencies to offer programs and services aimed at preventing child abuse and neglect, knowing that effective programs succeed because of the involvement and partnerships created among schools, social service agencies, religious and civic organizations, the business community, and law enforcement agencies;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Mayor and City Council of the City of Troy know that children deserve to grow and thrive in an environment that nurtures and keeps them safe, and hereby proclaim the **Month of April as Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month**; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That we invite all Troy residents, community partners, and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to prevent the abuse of our children, thereby strengthening and protecting the community in which we live.

Presented this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April 2016.