



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE  
**Proclamation**



**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

**APRIL 2017**

**BE IT KNOWN** to whom these presents do concern;

**WHEREAS**, Child Abuse Prevention Month began in 1983 to raise awareness of the alarming rates at which children were being abused and neglected; and

**WHEREAS**, child abuse is defined as any physical, sexual, or emotional mistreatment or neglect of a child, and is a criminal offence, regardless of gender, cultural background and socio-economic status; and

**WHEREAS**, every child deserves to grow up in a healthy, safe and nurturing environment; and

**WHEREAS**, child abuse continues to be one of our nation's most serious health problems; studies have shown child abuse and neglect causes psychological, emotional, and physical harm which can create lifelong problems for victims of abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect impacts our entire society and our society's future; and

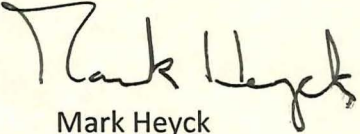
**WHEREAS**, child abuse awareness is a community responsibility, and finding solutions depends on the involvement of all people; and

**WHEREAS**, this month, we emphasize the importance of understanding the devastating problem of child abuse and neglect, and commit to learn more about the behavioural and physical signs of possible abuse.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Mark Heyck, Mayor of the City of Yellowknife, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2017 as *Child Abuse Prevention Month* in the City of Yellowknife; as it is only through awareness that we may begin to help the abused children in our community.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Yellowknife to be affixed this 24th day of April, 2017.



  
Mark Heyck  
Mayor