



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

# Proclamation



## CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

APRIL 2018

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

**WHEREAS**, children are vital to our territory's future success, prosperity and quality of life as well as being our most vulnerable assets; and

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

**WHEREAS**, child abuse prevention 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, 2018 as ***Child Abuse Prevention Month*** in the City of Yellowknife; and urge all citizens to work together to help reduce child abuse and neglect significantly in years to come.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Yellowknife to be affixed this 9th day of April, A.D., 2018.



Mark Heyck  
Mayor