

# PROCLAMATION

## Borough of Stanhope

Sussex County, New Jersey

### *CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH*

**WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect is a complex and ongoing problem in our society, affecting many children in Sussex County, and

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

**WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect not only directly harms children, but also increases the likelihood of criminal behavior, substance abuse, health problems, and risky behavior; and

**WHEREAS**, the effects of child abuse are felt by communities as a whole and need to be addressed by the entire community; and

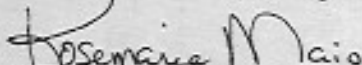
**WHEREAS** effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships among families, social service agencies, schools, religious and civic organizations, law enforcement agencies and the business community.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Rosemarie Maio, Mayor of the Borough of Stanhope do hereby proclaim April 2015 as

### *Child Abuse Prevention Month*

And call upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in which we live.

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015

  
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Rosemarie Maio, Mayor

