

**TOWNSHIP OF BYRAM
SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH
PROCLAMATION**

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

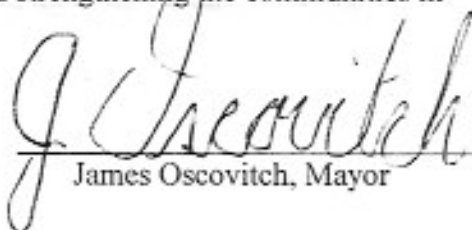
WHEREAS, every child is entitled to be loved, cared for, nurtured, feel secure and be free from verbal, sexual, emotional and physical abuse, and neglect; and

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

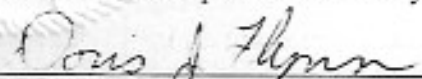
WHEREAS, the effects of child abuse are felt by communities as a whole, and need to be addressed by the entire community; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF BYRAM TOWNSHIP, hereby proclaims April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, and calls 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.


James Oscovitch, Mayor

Proclamation adopted this 21st day of April, 2015.


Doris J. Flynn, Municipal Clerk