

Office of the Mayor

Newton, New Jersey

Proclamation

Child Abuse Prevention Month

April 2015

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 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, WE, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Newton, hereby proclaim **April** as Child Abuse Prevention Month, and call upon our citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in the efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in which we live.



*In witness whereof I have hereunto set my
Hand and caused this seal to be affixed.*

David H. Flynn
Attest: *Annunzio*
Date: April 27, 2015