

*Office of the Mayor
Foley, Alabama*

Proclamation

WHEREAS, child abuse prevention is a community problem, and finding solutions depends on involvement among people throughout the community. Statistics of children who are abused and neglected escalate each year, and the effects of child abuse are felt by whole communities and needs to be addressed by the entire community; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, religious organizations, law enforcement agencies and business communities are youth-saving prevention programs. They offer positive alternatives for young people and encourage youth to develop strong ties to their community; and

WHEREAS, all citizens should become more aware of child abuse and its prevention within the community, and become involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, I John E. Koniar, Mayor, do hereby proclaim April as, **"Child Abuse Prevention Month"** and call upon all citizens, community agencies, religious organizations, medical facilities and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to prevent child abuse, thereby strengthening the communities in which we live.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto
set my hand on this **6th Day of April,**
2015

Attest:


Victoria Southern

