

Proclamation

National Child Abuse Prevention Month

Our Nation's children are our hope for the future, and caring for them is one of our greatest responsibilities. During National Child Abuse Prevention Month, we renew our commitment to preventing child abuse and neglect by promoting healthy families, protecting children, and supporting communities throughout our Nation.

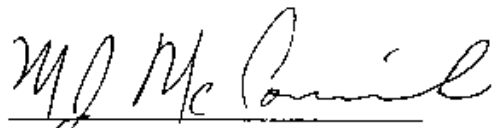
Although a strong family unit is the best deterrent to child abuse, effectively intervening in the lives of children threatened by abuse is a shared responsibility. Strengthening the bonds within families requires community members and leaders to partner with parents. From schools to local social service agencies, we can work together to protect the well-being of our children by recognizing the signs of violence and creating safe, stable, and nurturing environments that safeguard the promise of their futures.

The Village of Godfrey will continue to reinforce initiatives that enhance the efforts of child protective service agencies to prevent and treat child abuse. This Act will also bolster prevention efforts by addressing risk factors for mistreatment like substance abuse, mental illness, and domestic violence. We are also supporting programs that expand coordination of early childhood services in order to improve outcomes for young children.

As a Community, we must continue our work to ensure all children have the ability to live free from abuse and neglect by advocating for the safety of all young people. For more information about what families and communities can do to overcome this devastating problem, concerned Americans can visit: www.ChildWelfare.gov/Preventing.

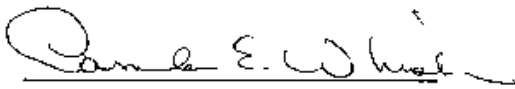
NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL J. MCCORMICK, President of the Village of Godfrey, do hereby proclaim April 2011 as National Child Abuse Prevention Month. I ask all residents of the Village of Godfrey to observe this month with programs and activities that help prevent child abuse and provide for children's physical, emotional, and developmental needs.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 19th day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand eleven.



Michael J. McCormick, President

ATTEST:



Pamela E. Whisler, Village Clerk