

Child Abuse Prevention Month 2025

WHEREAS, children are vital to our Town and State's future success, prosperity, and quality of life as well as being our most vulnerable assets; and

WHEREAS, all children deserve to have the safe, stable, nurturing homes and communities they need to foster their healthy growth and development; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a community responsibility affecting both the current and future quality of life of a community; and

WHEREAS, communities that provide parents with the social support, knowledge of parenting and child development, and concrete resources they need to cope with stress and nurture their children ensure all children grow to their full potential; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention strategies succeed because of partnerships created among citizens, human service agencies, schools, faith communities, health care providers, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Brittany H. Barnhardt, Mayor of the Town of Granite Quarry, on behalf of the Town Council and the citizens of Granite Quarry do hereby proclaim, **April 2025** as **Child Abuse Prevention Month** and call upon all Granite Quarry citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, elected leaders and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in which we live.

ADOPTED this 14th day of April 2025.

ATTEST:

Aubrey Smith, Town Clerk