The State of Washington

Proclamation

WHEREAS, every child deserves to be cared for in a safe and nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, safe and healthy childhoods help produce confident and successful adults; and

WHEREAS, we all have a responsibility, as neighbors and community members, to look out for one another and help keep each other safe from harm; and

WHEREAS, it takes all of us to make sure that those who need protection receive it; and

WHEREAS, dialing the DSHS toll-free number 1-866-ENDHARM makes it easier to protect the vulnerable; and

WHEREAS, anyone suspecting that a child is being abused or neglected, should make the call; and

WHEREAS, you actions may save a life; and

WHEREAS, wearing or displaying a blue ribbon in April will serve as a positive reminder that together we can prevent child abuse and keep children safe;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gary Locke, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim April 2004 as

Child Abuse Prevention Month

in Washington State, and I urge all citizens to join me in protecting and nurturing our children.

Signed this 19th day of November, 2003

Governor Gary Locke