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, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim April 2005, as

Child Abuse Prevention Month

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

STATE OF WASHINGTON EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OLYMPIA

Signed this 28th day of January, 2005

Christine Gregoire

Governor Christine O. Gregoire