

TOWN OF BOONTON

Proclamation

2020 CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION & AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, children are vital to our community's future success, prosperity, and quality of life as well as being the most vulnerable individuals; and

WHEREAS, we all have a responsibility, as parents, neighbors, community members and citizens of Boonton to help create healthy, safe and nurturing experiences for children; and

WHEREAS, safe, healthy and happy childrens produce confident and successful adults; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect often occurs when people find themselves in stressful situations, without community resources, and don't know how to cope; and

WHEREAS, the majority of child abuse cases stem from situations and conditions that are preventable in an engaged and supportive community; and

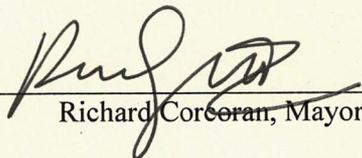
WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect can be reduced by making sure every family has the support they need and deserve to raise their children in a healthy environment; and

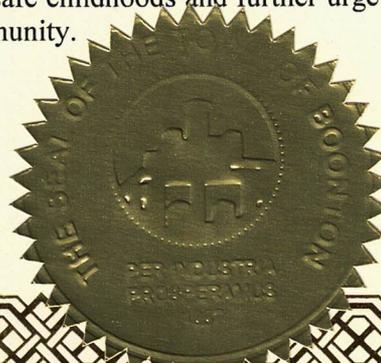
WHEREAS, it is recognized that no one person can do everything, but that everyone can do something, and together, we can create change for the better; and

WHEREAS, effective prevention programs succeed because of partnerships among agencies, schools, religious organizations, law enforcement agencies and the business community; and

WHEREAS, displaying pinwheels or planting a pinwheel garden in April by Kiwanis Club of Tri-Town will serve as a positive reminder that together, we can prevent child abuse and keep children safe.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard Corcoran, Mayor of Town of Boonton, do hereby proclaim *April 2020* as *Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month* in Boonton and urge all citizens to engage in activities that strengthen families and communities to provide the optimal environment for children to learn, grow and thrive so that all children have the benefit of happy, healthy and safe childhoods and further urge everyone to work together to eliminate child abuse and neglect from our community.


Richard Corcoran, Mayor



March 23, 2020