

## **Child Abuse Prevention Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, child abuse prevention is a community problem and finding solutions depends on involvement among people throughout the community;

**WHEREAS**, the effects of child abuse are felt by whole communities and need to be addressed by the entire community.

**WHEREAS**, effective child abuse prevention succeeds because of partnerships created between parents, practitioners, schools, faith communities, health care organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community;

**WHEREAS**, family-serving, youth-focused prevention programs offer positive alternatives for young people and encourage parents and youth to develop strong ties to their communities;

**WHEREAS**, all citizens need to be more aware of child abuse and neglect and its prevention within the community, and be involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe, nurturing society.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaim April 2009 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Otter Tail County, and call upon all citizens, community agencies, religious organizations, medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect, thereby strengthening the communities in which we live.

*Everett P. Erickson* 4-7-09

**Otter Tail County  
Board Chair**

**Date**