

## **PROCLAMATION**

Child abuse is any form of neglect or physical, emotional or sexual maltreatment that causes injury or distress to a child or youth. *Child Abuse Prevention Month* raises awareness about the signs of abuse, and builds informed, engaged communities where child safety is the priority.

Whereas: Child abuse is a serious public health issue and can lead to

chronic physical and mental health issues as a child grows

into adulthood;

Whereas: Child abuse is not limited to any particular community or

demographic and we all play a role in keeping children and

youth safe;

Whereas: Child and Youth Advocacy Centres bring together

multidisciplinary teams of experts to provide children, youth, and their families with the support and resources they need throughout the disclosure, investigation, judicial and

healing processes.

On behalf of City Council and the citizens of Calgary, I hereby proclaim the month of October 2022:

## CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

JYOTI GONDEK MAYOR

