



Proclamation Strengthening Families Month

WHEREAS, more than 600,000 children are abused in the U.S each year; and,

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a serious problem affecting every segment of our community, and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone; and,

WHEREAS, our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future of the greater Marquette area; and,

WHEREAS, child abuse can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that have lasting consequences for survivors of abuse during childhood; and,

WHEREAS, protective factors are conditions that reduce or eliminate risk and promote the social, emotional, and developmental well-being of children; and,

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention activities succeed because of the partnerships created between child welfare professionals, education, health, community- and faith-based organizations, businesses, law enforcement agencies, and families; and,

WHEREAS, communities must make every effort to promote programs and activities that create strong and thriving children and families; and,

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and contribute to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment; and,

WHEREAS, prevention remains the best defense for our children and families; and,

NOW THEREFORE, the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Marquette, does hereby proclaim April 2024 as NATIONAL STRENGTHENING FAMILIES MONTH in Marquette, Michigan and urges all citizens to recognize this month by dedicating ourselves to the task of improving the quality of life for all children and families.

DATED this 25th day of March, 2024.

Sally Davis, Mayor