

**A Proclamation of the City Council  
of the City of Commerce  
Designating the Month of April 2017 as  
CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Commerce City Council cares deeply about the welfare of the children of this city; and

**WHEREAS**, Prevent Child Abuse California is the State chapter of Prevent Child Abuse America, whose purpose is to represent a national movement to eradicate child abuse and neglect throughout the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, preventing child abuse and neglect is a social issue whose success depends on involvement from the entire community; and

**WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect harms children and increases the likelihood of long-term physical, psychological, and social problems; and

**WHEREAS**, child maltreatment 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 each family has the support they need in raising their children in a safe and nurturing environment; and

**WHEREAS**, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, *Ivan Altamirano*, Mayor of the City of Commerce, do hereby join *Prevent Child Abuse California* in proclaiming the month of April 2017 as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" and call upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the community in which we live.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April 2017.

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Ivan Altamirano, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lena Shumway, City Clerk