A Proclamation of the City Council
of the
City of Commerce
Designating the Month of April 2018
as
CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

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, Five children die every day as a result of Child Abuse, and three out of four abused children are under the age of four years; and

WHEREAS, the perpetrator is known to 90% of abused children and 68% are abused by family members; and

WHEREAS, Child abuse and neglect is a community responsibility affecting both the current and future quality of life of a community; and

WHEREAS, Children are vital to our state's future success, prosperity and quality of life as well as being our most vulnerable assets; and

WHEREAS, All children deserve to have the safe, stable, nurturing homes and communities they need to foster their healthy growth and development; 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 strategies succeed because of partnerships crated among citizens, human service agencies, schools, faith communities, health care providers, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, *Oralia Y. Rebollo,* Mayor of the City of Commerce, do hereby join *Prevent Child Abuse California* in proclaiming the month of April 2018 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 3rd day of April 2018.

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Oralia Y. Rebollo, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lena Shumway
City Clerk