

Mayoral Proclamation

City of Brookings, South Dakota

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, one in four women and one in six men were sexually abused before the age of 18; and

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

WHEREAS, communities that provide parents with support, knowledge, and concrete resources they need to cope with stress and nurture their children ensure all children grow to their full potential; and

WHEREAS, child abuse prevention strategies succeed because of partnerships created among citizens, organizations, schools, faith communities, health care providers, law enforcement, and the business community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KEITH W. CORBETT, Mayor of the City of Brookings, South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April as:

Child Abuse Prevention Month

And call upon all of Brookings to increase our efforts to support families, thereby preventing the serious issue of child abuse and strengthening our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set forth my
hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the
City of Brookings, this 23rd day of March, 2021.

Keith W. Corbett, Mayor