



***HONORARY PROCLAMATION DECLARING
THE MONTH OF APRIL 2017 AS "MONTH OF THE CHILD"
And "CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH"
And APRIL 8, 2017 AS "DAY OF THE CHILD"***

WHEREAS, the Arroyo Grande City Council recognizes that every moment in a child's life is an opportunity for that child to learn, that the quality of these experiences may determine whether a child succeeds in school and in life, and that all children need caring and loving adults in their lives; and

WHEREAS, the "Month of the Child" and "Child Abuse Prevention Month" mark a time to recognize that children's opportunities are our responsibilities, and to commit ourselves to ensuring that each and every child experiences a high quality early environment - at home, at child care, at school and in the community - that will promote their optimal development; and

WHEREAS, Friday, April 7, 2017 has been named a countywide "Wear Blue Day" to raise awareness about the many children in our midst who suffer daily from abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, Saturday, April 8, 2017, will commemorate "Day of the Child" at the 39th Annual Children's Day in the Plaza celebration from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the San Luis Obispo Mission Plaza, this year's celebration where children and families will have the opportunity to discover creativity, individuality, diversity and the arts while exploring community resources; and

WHEREAS, a variety of other events will provide an opportunity to acknowledge the dedication of individuals and organizations to improve the lives of children and youth in our county, and raise the awareness of the community, employers and elected officials of the need to improve the quality, availability, and accessibility of programs supporting children; and

WHEREAS, may we remember to listen to and watch the children around us, to have patience, and to allow them the opportunity to enjoy the journey of childhood.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Arroyo Grande hereby declares the month of April 2017 as "Month of the Child" and "Child Abuse Prevention Month", and April 8, 2017 as "Day of the Child".

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Arroyo Grande to be affixed this 28th day of March 2017.

JIM HILL, MAYOR



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