



**HONORARY PROCLAMATION DECLARING  
APRIL 2014 AS "MONTH OF THE CHILD" and  
"CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH"**

**"CHILDREN'S OPPORTUNITIES - OUR RESPONSIBILITIES"**

WHEREAS, Saturday, April 12, 2014, will commemorate the "Day of the Child" celebration during Children's Day In the Plaza at the San Luis Obispo Mission Plaza, a day where children and families can play, learn and interact with the agencies and programs providing services throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, Month of the Child and Child Abuse Prevention Month is a time to recognize opportunities for children, and to commit ourselves to ensuring that each and every child experiences a high quality environment - at home, at child care, at school and in the community - that will promote their optimal development; and

WHEREAS, every moment in a child's life is an opportunity for that child to learn, and 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, this month's activities will provide an opportunity to acknowledge youth, early care and education programs and their dedicated staff, and to raise the awareness of the community, employers and elected officials of the need to improve the quality, availability, and accessibility of such programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Tony Ferrara, Mayor of the City of Arroyo Grande, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim April 2014 as "Month of the Child" and "Child Abuse Prevention Month", and April 12, 2014 as "Day of the Child," and 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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Arroyo Grande to be affixed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 2014.

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TONY FERRARA, MAYOR



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