

A Proclamation Designating Child Abuse Prevention Month

Whereas, all communities across our nation are confronting the frightening reality that many of our children are being abused; and

Whereas, governmental reports indicate that approximately 3 million children are reported abused and neglected in this country each year, and approximately 1,200 were reported as victims of sexual and physical abuse in Sullivan County in 2007; and

Whereas, reports show that child abuse incidents – physical, sexual and emotional – increase annually; and

Whereas, our children are our most cherished and important creation; and

Whereas, many individuals and agencies in our community commit a significant portion of their working time to the teaching, nurturing, protecting, and/or healing of our children;

Now, therefore, I, David Shumaker, Mayor of the City of Bristol Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2008 as

Child Abuse Prevention Month

and ask all citizens to acknowledge, compliment and express appreciation to those individuals and agencies that daily strive to teach, nurture and/or heal our children.

This 1st day of April 2008.

David Shumaker
Mayor