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Dare County, NC Child Abuse Prevention Month 2007 A Proclamation

Whereas, child maltreatment is a community problem and finding solutions depends on involvement among people throughout the community;

Whereas, over 100,000 children are reported as abused and neglected in North Carolina each year;

Whereas, 37 children were victims of child abuse homicide in North Carolina during the year 2005;

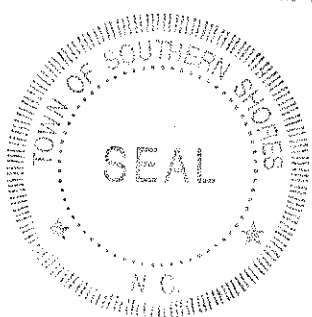
Whereas, in 2006 Dare County Child Protective Services investigated 260 reports of child abuse, neglect and dependency, involving 385 children.

Whereas, the effects of child abuse are felt by whole communities, and need to be addressed by the entire community;

Whereas, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, religious and civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community;

Whereas, all citizens should become more aware of the negative effects of child abuse and its prevention within the community, and become involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment;

We, the Town of Southern Shores do hereby proclaim April as child abuse prevention month and call upon all citizens, community agencies, religious organizations, medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to prevent child abuse, thereby strengthening the communities in which we live.



This 3rd day of April 2007

Don Smith

Don Smith, Mayor
Town of Southern Shores