

Dare County, NC

Child Abuse Prevention Month 2008

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, 34 children were victims of child abuse homicide in North Carolina during the year 2006;

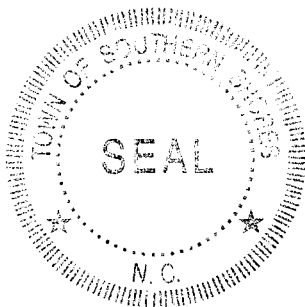
Whereas, in 2007 Dare County Child Protective Services investigated 251 reports of child abuse, neglect and dependency, involving 485 children.

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 involved in supporting families in raising 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 support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in which we live.



This 1st day of April 2008

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Don Smith".

Don Smith, Mayor
Town of Southern Shores