Township of Freehold

PROCLAMATION

"Our Progress Never Ends"

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH – APRIL, 2015

WHEREAS, the maltreatment, abuse and neglect of children is a significant social problem that damages children physically, mentally and emotionally, and inflicts immeasurable harm on society as a whole; and,

WHEREAS, all children deserve to be nurtured, protected and free from physical and emotional harm; and,

WHEREAS, the Freehold Township Committee joins the State of New Jersey Department of Children and Families and the Monmouth County Child Advocacy Center in believing that the best place to raise children is among strong, healthy families; and,

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, the County of Monmouth and the Township of Freehold are committed to building a continuum of community-based child abuse prevention and intervention programs that are culturally competent, strength-based and family-centered and that achieve positive outcomes for parenting and family relationships, as well as empower domestic violence victims and their children; and,

WHEREAS, all sectors of the Freehold Township community, including law enforcement, medical professionals, schools, courts and media outlets, as well as numerous public and private agencies, have joined forces to promote public awareness and community involvement in strengthening families during the month of April and continuing throughout the year;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MAYOR THOMAS L. COOK, on behalf of the Freehold Township Committee, do herein proclaim April, 2015 as "Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month" in the Township of Freehold and urge our residents to become involved in efforts aimed at strengthening families and communities and preventing our children from being abused and neglected.



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THOMAS L. COOK MAYOR

April 14, 2015