

**RESOLUTION NO.:** 2014-06

**SUBJECT:** Proclamation for Child Abuse Prevention Month

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 21, 2014

**PROCLAMATION OF THE EL PASO COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF HEALTH**

**WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect is a county-wide problem that is preventable when parents, families, communities, and governments work together to advocate for caring and safe environments for all children; and,

**WHEREAS**, more than 13,000 reports of child abuse and neglect were received in 2013 by the El Paso County Department of Human Services which provides oversight and protective services to an average of more than 3,400 at-risk children in El Paso County each month; and,

**WHEREAS**, there is overwhelming evidence that child maltreatment can lead to a broad range of short and long-term physical and emotional health problems; and,

**WHEREAS**, the long-term effects of child abuse and neglect are felt by our whole community, and need to be addressed by the entire community; and,

**WHEREAS**, effective child abuse prevention efforts, such as the Not One More Child Coalition, succeed because of the partnerships created among human service agencies, public health, the District Attorney's Office, schools, faith and civic organizations, the medical community, law enforcement and first responder agencies, the business community, and concerned citizens; and,

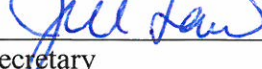
**WHEREAS**, the El Paso County Board of Health recognizes and thanks all community partners for their contributions in preventing abuse and neglect before it happens by developing family-oriented, community-based prevention, awareness, education, and training programs:

**NOW, THEREFORE** the El Paso County Board of Health joins with the El Paso County Board of County Commissioners to proclaim its support for continued collaborative efforts toward effective child abuse prevention, and the declaration of the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in El Paso County.

**MOVED, SECONDED AND ADOPTED BY THE EL PASO COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD APRIL 21, 2014.**

**EL PASO COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**

BY:   
President

ATTEST:   
Secretary