

PROCLAMATION



CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS PREVENTION SPANKOUT DAY USA

APRIL 2006

WHEREAS, caring for our children must be the first priority of our families, our communities, and our nation; and

WHEREAS, the future stability and character of our nation can only be assured through the healthy physical, mental, and social development of our children; and

WHEREAS, statistics reflect that the number of children who are abused and neglected escalates each year; and finding solutions requires community-wide efforts to increase awareness, focus on prevention, and create a safe environment in which our children can flourish and reach their full potential; and

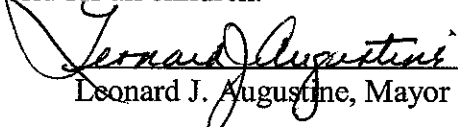
WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, courts, schools, governments, religious organizations, law enforcement agencies, community organizations, medical institutions, and the business community; and

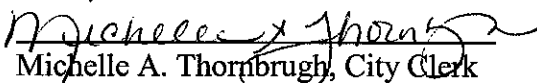
WHEREAS, in 1998, SpankOut Day USA was initiated to give widespread attention to the need to end corporal punishment of children and to promote non-violent ways of teaching children appropriate behavior; and

WHEREAS, children learn best through teaching, discussing, and observing adults who model responsible, caring and self-disciplined behavior;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Leonard J. Augustine, Mayor of the City of Vacaville, do hereby proclaim April 2006 as CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS PREVENTION MONTH and April 30, 2006 as SPANKOUT DAY USA, and do further commend all youth-serving programs throughout Solano County for their efforts to promote awareness and create a safer and happier world for all children.

ATTEST


Leonard J. Augustine, Mayor


Michelle A. Thornbrugh, City Clerk