PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, child abuse prevention is a community problem and finding solutions depends on involvement among people throughout the community, and

WHEREAS, statistics of children who are abused and neglected escalate each year; and

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

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

WHEREAS, youth-serving prevention programs offer a positive alternative for young people and encourage the youth to develop strong ties to their community; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kenneth D. Underwood, Mayor of the Town of Magnolia Springs, Alabama do hereby proclaim the month of April as

‘CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH’

The Town of Magnolia Springs calls upon all its citizens, community agencies, religious organizations, medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to prevent child abuse, thereby strengthening the community in which we live.

March 22, 2016

Kenneth D. Underwood – Mayor

ATTEST:

Karen S. Biel – Town Clerk