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 need 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 positive alternative for young people and encourage 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, 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.

Kenneth D. Underwood – Mayor

March 25, 2014

Date

ATTEST:

Karen S. Biel – Town Clerk