

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, we all have a responsibility, as individuals, neighbors, community members and citizens of Silver City to help create healthy, safe and nurturing experiences for children; and

**WHEREAS**, safe and healthy childhoods help produce confident and successful adults; and

**WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect often occurs when people find themselves in stressful situations, without community resources, and they do not know how to cope; and

**WHEREAS**, the majority of child abuse cases stem from situations and conditions that are preventable in an engaged and supportive community; and

**WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect can be reduced by making sure every family has the support they need and deserve to raise their children in a healthy environment; and

**WHEREAS**, it is recognized that no one person can do everything, but that everyone can do something, and together we can create change for the better; and

**WHEREAS**, effective prevention programs succeed because of partnerships among agencies, schools, religious organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and

**WHEREAS**, displaying a blue ribbon in April will serve as a positive reminder that together, we can prevent child abuse and keep children safe;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ken Ladner, Mayor of the Town of Silver City, do hereby proclaim April 2016 as

## **"Child Abuse Prevention Month in Silver City"**

and I urge all citizens to engage in activities that strengthen families and communities to provide the optimal environment for children to learn, grow and thrive so that all children have the benefit of happy, healthy and safe childhoods.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this official seal of the Town of Silver City to be affixed this 26th day of April, 2016.

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Ken Ladner , Mayor

Attest:

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Ann L. Mackie, Town Clerk