

***Executive Proclamation***  
***State of South Dakota***  
***Office of the Governor***

***Whereas***, Child abuse is a complex and ongoing problem nationwide; and,

***Whereas***, Finding solutions to end child abuse and neglect depends on state and community involvement; and,

***Whereas***, Community support is needed to help families break the cycle of abuse and neglect and improve the well-being of families; and,

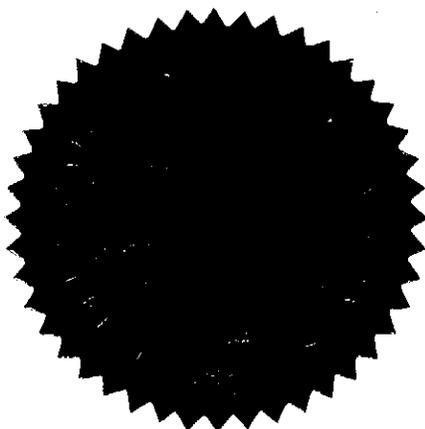
***Whereas***, Acts of violence committed through child abuse and neglect can be prevented through public awareness, outreach, and intervention; and,

***Whereas***, The South Dakota Department of Social Services and South Dakota's Community Child Protection Teams want to remind parents, guardians, and other adults about the importance of supporting programs that foster prevention of child abuse and neglect because every child is entitled to be safe, secure, loved, nurtured, and cared for:

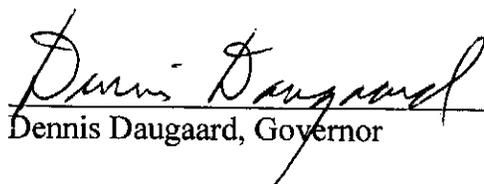
***Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard***, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 2012 as

***CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH***

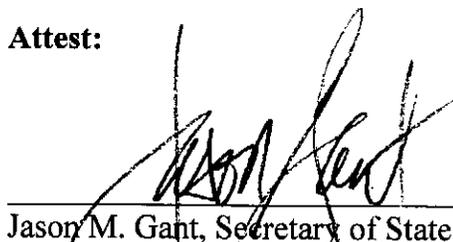
in South Dakota.



***In Witness Whereof***, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Second Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

  
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

**Attest:**

  
Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State