



2021 Child Abuse Awareness Month Camp Pendleton, California


Proclamation

Child abuse is a serious crime that affects our military community regardless of gender, rank, or age. It isolates individuals in a world now filled with isolation. Child abuse is preventable and is contrary to the core values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment. A caring adult with a steady presence in a child's life can be a source of trust and support and is especially important for children with adverse childhood experiences. There is a role for every caring adult in the community to play in supporting the resilience of military children. Build your family's strength by asking questions, gaining knowledge, and developing parenting skills. When child abuse occurs in the home, our Service Members and their families suffer. When left untreated, child abuse escalates in intensity and frequency and interferes with mission readiness. The military will not tolerate child abuse, abusers will be held accountable, and victims will be afforded protection and support.

I hereby proclaim the month of April as:

CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH

I call upon all members of the Marine Corps family to stand up for those who cannot stand up for themselves. Let us eradicate child abuse together.



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