

**CITY OF TWENTYNINE PALMS  
PROCLAMATION**

**SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH 2006**

**WHEREAS**, as Twentynine Palms works to end the many forms of violence in our City, we must acknowledge the reality that sexual violence is among them. Rape and **sexual assault** profoundly impact the lives of every person in our community, either directly or indirectly; and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize the important role rape survivors have in increasing our understanding of sexual violence so that we may prevent **sexual assault** in our society. We also recognize the importance of involving all community members – of all ages, ethnicities, socio-economic statuses, religions, and backgrounds – in the work to end rape and **sexual assault**. As citizens of Twentynine Palms, it is our responsibility to support rape survivors by treating them with dignity and respect. It is also crucially important to hold perpetrators responsible for sexual attacks, and to prevent sexual violence at every opportunity; and

**WHEREAS**, through public and private efforts, we are making great strides in our endeavors to end rape and **sexual assault** in California and throughout the country. Over recent years we have seen an increase in funding for rape crisis intervention and prevention programs, marked locally by the opening of the Morongo Basin Rape Crisis Center in March 1998, providing supportive services to the survivors of rape and **sexual assault** in the Morongo Basin; and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize all those who work, often as volunteers, on behalf of rape survivors and their families. We acknowledge the many law enforcement officers, prosecutors, counselors, corrections officers, physicians and health care professionals whose dedication and service to rape victims has helped them.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council hereby proclaims April, 2006 as **Sexual Assault Awareness Month 2006** in the City of Twentynine Palms. We urge the citizens of Twentynine Palms to commit to taking action against rape and **sexual assault** during this month and throughout the year to ensure that violence stops.

**DATED** this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2006.

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Kevin Cole, Mayor

## CITY OF TWENTYNINE PALMS PROCLAMATION

### “CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH APRIL 2006”

**WHEREAS**, April 2006 has been proclaimed as **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH** by the State and Federal government for the purpose of promoting community involvement in preventing **child abuse**; all children have the right to receive the care, protection and guidance a family provides; they have the right to be free from harm and to have their physical, emotional and educational needs met; and

**WHEREAS**, almost 39,000 children a year in the County of San Bernardino are referred to the Department of Children's Services (DCS) for suspected **child abuse** and neglect; Children's Assessment Center staff, DCS Social Workers, Public Health Nurses, law enforcement officers, educators, behavioral health clinicians and others in the field are dedicated, compassionate and skilled individuals working under enormous pressure to protect children; and the prevention of **child abuse** requires rigorous solutions, energy, strength, determination and commitment on the part of concerned citizens and the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Blue Ribbon is the international symbol for **child abuse prevention**; the Children's Network and Children's Fund, in partnership with the Department of Children's Services, Department of Public Health, County Superintendent of Schools, Sheriff's Department, First 5 of San Bernardino, County Fire Department, Child Care Planning Council, Department of Behavioral Health, Transitional Assistance Department, Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino, Preschool Services Department, County Library, Children's Fund Assessment Center, Loma Linda Children's Hospital and Arrowhead Regional Medical Center have planned a Blue Ribbon Media Campaign entitled “It Only Takes a Minute.” Educational Materials Distribution, and the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual “Shine A Light on **Child Abuse**” Awards Breakfast during the month of April to increase awareness of **child abuse**.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council hereby proclaims **April 2006 as CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH** in the City of Twentynine Palms, and the Council encourages citizens to participate in the events and to join in the efforts to end **child abuse**.

**DATED** this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2006.

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Kevin Cole., Mayor

## CITY OF TWENTYNINE PALMS

### PROCLAMATION

#### WEEK OF APRIL 17 THROUGH APRIL 23, 2006, AS "NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK 2006"

**WHEREAS**, the Federal **Community Development** Block Grant Program originated in 1974 and has operated since 1975 to provide local governments with the resources required to address pressing neighborhood and human service needs for persons of low and moderate income; and

**WHEREAS**, the **Community Development** Block Grant Program continues to assume increasing importance as an instrument for meeting pressing community development needs in affordable housing, job creation or retention, human services, capital improvements, and public infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, the nature of the **Community Development** Block Grant program, with its diversity of program design and administration, and its ability to respond to locally determined priorities, has caused Congress and the nation to appreciate the critical value of the program, and the significant number of non-profit organizations, programs and projects that rely on its funds for support; and

**WHEREAS**, a week recognizing national **community development** will encourage local governments, non-profit organizations, and community residents throughout the nation to reaffirm the significance and diversity of their local **community development** program efforts toward meeting the needs of persons of low and moderate income.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Twentynine Palms hereby joins with the County of San Bernardino and the Nation in **celebrating the 32<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the Community Development Block Grant Program** observing the week of **April 17 through April 23, 2006**, as "**National Community Development Week 2006**" and, urges Congress and the Administration to recognize the outstanding work being accomplished locally and nationally by the **Community Development** Block Grant Program and the importance of this program to the people of San Bernardino County and the Nation.

**DATED** this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2006.

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Kevin Cole, Mayor