



## Proclamation

*WHEREAS, children are our future and protecting them must be one of our highest priorities; and*

*WHEREAS, there are nearly 11,000 confirmed cases of child abuse and neglect in Colorado each year and 900,000 in the United States; and*

*WHEREAS, children have a right to be safe and to be provided an opportunity to thrive, learn, and grow; and*

*WHEREAS, all governmental branches, agencies and departments – including human service providers, educators, legislators, law enforcement agents, judges, and child advocates – must work diligently to ensure to the best of our abilities that our children are kept safe and healthy; and*

*WHEREAS, we must come together as partners so that the voices of our children are heard by all and we are as a community extending a helping hand to children and families in need; and*

*WHEREAS, by providing a safe and nurturing environment for our children, free of violence, abuse and neglect, we can ensure that Colorado's children will grow to their full potential as the next generation of leaders, helping to secure the future of this state and nation; and*

*Therefore, I, John Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim April 2011,*

### *CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH*

*in the State of Colorado.*

*GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this fourteenth day of March, 2011*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Hickenlooper".

*John Hickenlooper  
Governor*

