

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE **CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: APRIL 15, 2009**

DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

DIRECTOR: DAVID RIGGLEMAN

SUBJECT:

RECOGNITION OF CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Submitted at Meeting - Copy of Proclamation for Child Abuse Prevention Month

Minutes:

MAYOR GOODMAN invited MARCY JACKSON, Deputy Director of the Area Health Education Center (AHEC) of Southern Nevada, to join him at the podium where he presented the proclamation declaring April 2009 as Child Abuse Prevention Month. MAYOR GOODMAN stated the AHEC is working hard to fight child abuse by partnering with social services, civic and faith-based community organizations, law enforcement agencies, schools and the business community to reduce incidents of child abuse. In 2002, AHEC received funding from the Childrens Trust Fund to establish a Nevada Chapter of Bureau of Child Abuse, a national organization. The Chapter coordinates state-wide efforts and provides legislative advocacy.

MS. JACKSON noted that over 10,000 cases of child abuse had been reported throughout the State this past year. She explained that parents and caregivers are struggling in the current economic climate and she described the many services and resources available to help them. She encouraged parents and caregivers to visit www.sahec.org or call (702) 318-8452 for more information and assistance. The prevention of child abuse is AHEC's main focus.

