



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF CHICAGO

RICHARD M. DALEY
MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, there is a growing body of research indicating that young children who are exposed to violence in their homes or communities are at greater risk of enduring long-lasting psychological trauma; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Census, there were over 200,000 children under the age of five living in Chicago, and in 2010, there were over 195,000 calls for police response to domestic violence in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Chicago's children are frequently present at violent scenes or unintended victims where community violence has occurred; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago Department of Public Health's Office of Violence Prevention has provided leadership since 2000 in strengthening the city's response to children exposed to violence through the Chicago Safe Start Initiative; and

WHEREAS, as the Office of Violence Prevention has designated the week of April 18, 2011 to be Childhood Exposure to Violence Prevention Week, and asks all residents to be attentive to what children see, hear and learn, to remove children from violent situations, and seek help when children are exposed to violence:

NOW THEREFORE, I, RICHARD M. DALEY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, do hereby proclaim the week of April 18, 2011 to be CHILDHOOD EXPOSURE TO VIOLENCE PREVENTION WEEK and urge all Chicagoans to make an active commitment to protect our children.

Dated this 16th day of March, 2011.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard M. Daley".
Mayor