INSTALLATION COMMANDER'S PROCLAMATION

FORT DEVENS, MA

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Child Abuse Prevention Month is recognized in April of each year. The President of the United States is calling on all of us - Military and Civilian, Parents and Non-Parents – to unite for a common goal: to end children abuse. I stand with the President and call upon you to make a commitment to this prevention effort in partnership with the Family Advocacy Program (FAP) here at Fort Devens.

Children are the future of our nation. It is our job to assure they grow up in a stable and nurturing environment. It is our job to think of them first and keep them safe and sound.

Therefore, this year's theme for Child Abuse Prevention Month is simple:

Child Safety to Prevent Child Neglect

No parent is perfect, but all parents can supervise carefully and take simple steps to keep kids safe.

Childproofing is more that outlet covers and cabinet latches. Learn how to make your kids' environment both child friendly and safe.

Keeping kids safe can be a challenge. Balance daily activities to reduce distractions and prevent accidents or injuries. Seconds can make the difference.

Supervision can be the difference between a safe situation
and a dangerous one. As long as any child suffers from abuse
or neglect, we have fallen short of our goals for readiness.

Child abuse prevention is not a one-month assignment. It goes on every day of every year. Without every one of us doing our part, we cannot say our Army is fully ready to build a strong and resilient community.

As Commander at Fort Devens, I, LTC Charlette K. Woodard, am committed to ending child abuse and educating our community on prevention methods. Our Family Advocacy Program is here to help you. Contact Fort Devens FAP at 978.796.3023 to help end child abuse.

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