



**Whereas:** Children are the foundation for a prosperous and innovative society, and the foundation for a child's growth and development is established when the community takes responsibility for creating healthy environments where our children can thrive;

**Whereas:** All children deserve to have a safe, stable, nurturing home and community to foster their healthy growth and development;

**Whereas:** Child abuse and neglect is an important societal concern that may affect the long-term health and well being of not only children, but also the adults they become;

**Whereas:** Child abuse and neglect impacts our entire society and our society's future;

**Whereas:** Child abuse prevention is a shared responsibility and finding solutions requires the involvement and collaboration of citizens, organizations and government entities;

**Whereas:** this month, we emphasize the importance of understanding the devastating problem of child abuse and neglect, and commit to learn more about the behavioural and physical signs of possible abuse.

Therefore: I Craig Scott do hereby proclaim the month of October 2022 to be Child Abuse Prevention Month in Torbay and urge all citizens to work together to help reduce child abuse and neglect significantly in years to come.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Craig Scott", written in a cursive style.