

**WHEREAS**, Parent Partnership is a critical and effective way to help families identify and build upon their strengths for themselves and their families and prevent child abuse and neglect; and

**WHEREAS**, authentic Parent Partnership occurs when parents have the opportunity to partner with others and present a "parent perspective and lens" to inform policies and programs that support the growth of protective factors leading to strong families and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Children's Trust Fund Alliance, as a national prevention organization, supports, encourages and acknowledges partnerships between parents and community stakeholders, leaders, and policy makers as critical to developing strong communities nationwide; and

WHEREAS, Parent Partnership can help with building strengths-based communities that thrive based on protective factors; and

**WHEREAS**, Parent Partnership is successfully achieved when parents are partners in the planning, implementation, oversight and evaluation of policies, practices, and programs that affect families and communities by receiving support and training and having multiple opportunities to share their expertise; and

WHEREAS, parents each year are partnering with others so together they can build stronger, safer communities where all children can thrive; and

**WHEREAS**, parents can have a powerful impact by sharing their lived expertise and they will continue to have a positive impact on the lives of families across our nation and world; and

WHEREAS, many organizations across the community and state support and provide such partnership opportunities for parents; and

**WHEREAS**, National Parent Leadership Month is an opportunity to recognize, honor, and celebrate these parents. They have a vital role in their local community, state and nation and across the world;

**NOW THEREFORE,** I, Michael D. Quill, Mayor of the City of Auburn, New York, on behalf of the City Council and the Citizens of Auburn, do hereby declare February as

## NATIONAL PARENT LEADERSHIP MONTH

and we encourage our citizens and visitors to acknowledging their wisdom and contributions and show appreciation for Parent Leaders.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Auburn to be affixed this Twenty Fourth day of February 2022.

Michael D. Quill, Mayor City of Auburn, New York