

of

Child Abuse Prevention Month

- Whereas,** the problem of child abuse and neglect affects many of Buncombe County's children and has reached epidemic proportions in North Carolina with over 160,000 children reported abused, neglected, or dependent last year; and
- Whereas,** last year the Buncombe County Department of Health & Human Services had over 4,140 children reported abused, neglected, or dependent; and
- Whereas,** preventing child abuse and neglect is the responsibility of all citizens; and
- Whereas,** every child has a right to a safe, healthy, nurturing environment; and
- Whereas,** community action is needed to help prevent child abuse so all children can have the opportunity to reach their potential; and
- Whereas,** it is vital that we join forces with the Child Protection Team of Buncombe County and Mountain Child Advocacy Center, Inc. to reach out to parents and children to prevent child sexual abuse and neglect and to strengthen families and children who have experienced abuse.

Now, Therefore, Be It Proclaimed by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. That the month of April 2018 be proclaimed:

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

in Buncombe County.

2. That this Board does hereby call upon every citizen to join the child protection organizations, groups, and individuals in observance of the month with appropriate programs and activities.
3. That this proclamation be effective upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this the 17th day of April 2018.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE
COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN