

PROCLAMATION

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 100,000 children reported abused or neglected last year; and

WHEREAS, in 2009 the Buncombe County Department of Social Services received approximately 2,067 reports of child abuse and neglect involving 3,517 children in Buncombe County; and

WHEREAS, the effects of child abuse are felt by the entire community and the need must be addressed by the entire community; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect know no social or economic boundaries and preventing child abuse and neglect is the responsibility of every citizen and community action and involvement are essential to breaking the cycle of abuse; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention and treatment programs such as those offered by Child Abuse Prevention Services, Inc. succeed because of partnerships created in the community including the Buncombe County Child Protection Team.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. That the month of April, 2010 be proclaimed:

"CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH"

in Buncombe County.

2. That this Board calls upon every citizen to join the 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 6th day of April, 2010.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE
COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE**

BY: _____
DAVID GANTT, CHAIRMAN