

County of Buncombe
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 118,149 investigations of child abuse, neglect, or dependency last year across the state; and

Whereas, last fiscal year, the Buncombe County Department of Health & Human Services conducted over 3,297 investigations of abuse, neglect, or dependency; 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 2019 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 2nd day of April 2019

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE
COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE