



Child Abuse Prevention Month 2026 Proclamation

WHEREAS, child well-being is not just a moral imperative, but the foundation for building North Carolina's future success and prosperity; and

WHEREAS all children deserve to grow up in environments that offer Positive Childhood Experiences that promote healthy mental, physical, and emotional development; and

WHEREAS communities that have the resources they need to ensure all families can access supports when they need them, free of judgement or barriers, can reduce the risk of child abuse and neglect, while promoting parental and family resilience; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect are preventable, and the responsibility to help every child meet their full potential lies within every community member, organization, and leader, recognizing that promoting positive experiences for all North Carolina families strengthens the future of our state; and

WHEREAS collaboration among families, educators, early care providers, health care providers, faith-based organizations, local businesses, social services agencies, law enforcement, and community groups are essential for creating the positive environments and experiences children need to lead a healthy, purposeful life with hope for the future, and

WHEREAS, during Child Abuse Prevention Month, we recognize the importance of strengthening families and creating nurturing environments where all children feel supported, connected, and able to thrive.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, Ashe County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April as CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH in Ashe County and commend its observance to all citizens.