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## Child Abuse Prevention Month 2025 Proclamation

April 1, 2025

**WHEREAS**, every family and child is filled with tremendous promise, and we all have a collective responsibility to prevent Adverse Childhood Experiences, foster the potential of every child, and promote positive childhood experiences; and

**WHEREAS**, positive childhood experiences (PCEs)—such as loving caregivers and safe, stable, and nurturing relationships—play a vital role in helping children thrive by mitigating trauma and the negative impact of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs); and

**WHEREAS**, families who receive the support they need before a crisis occurs are better equipped to provide safe, healthy, and nurturing environments, leading to children who are safer, healthier, and more hopeful about their futures; and

**WHEREAS**, childhood trauma, including abuse and neglect, can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects throughout an individual's lifetime and impact future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, primary prevention of child abuse and neglect can reduce the lifetime economic burden associated with child maltreatment; and

**WHEREAS**, strengthening families through access to concrete economic, social, and community-based supports reduces the likelihood of abuse and neglect and ensures children have the foundation for lifelong well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, effective child abuse prevention activities succeed because of the partnerships created between child welfare professionals, education, health, community- and faith-based organizations, businesses, law enforcement agencies, and families; and

**WHEREAS**, communities must make every effort to promote programs and activities that create strong and thriving children and families; and

**WHEREAS**, we acknowledge that we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and contribute to promoting the social and emotional well-being of children and families in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment; and

**WHEREAS**, investments in prevention initiatives—such as home visiting programs, family-strengthening policies, economic supports, and community-based child abuse prevention efforts—are essential to building safer, healthier communities for children and families; and

**WHEREAS**, prevention remains the best defense for our children and families.

Therefore, I, \_\_\_\_\_ **[Name, Title, City or County]**  
do hereby proclaim April 2024 as CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH in \_\_\_\_\_  
**[Location]**. Together, we can create a state where every child can grow up happy, healthy, and safe with hope for their future.

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Signature