



WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a serious problem affecting every segment of our community, and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone; and,

WHEREAS, all children have the right to grow up in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment, free from abuse and neglect; and,

WHEREAS, while children are our most valuable resource and the key to our community's future success, prosperity and quality of life, they are also the most vulnerable members of our society; and,

WHEREAS, the majority of child abuse cases arise from situations and conditions that are preventable in an engaged and supportive community; and,

WHEREAS, child abuse can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that have lasting consequences for victims of abuse; and,

WHEREAS, communities that provide parents with social support, parenting and child development knowledge, and the concrete resources they need to cope with stress and nurture their children, help to ensure that all children grow to their full potential.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners proclaims the month of April 2020 as

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

and further calls upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, elected leaders, and businesses to increase their participation in efforts to support families, thereby strengthening the community in which we live.

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To be Adopted the 28th Day of April 2020