

ALAMANCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Proclamation

Child Abuse Prevention Month

April 2025

WHEREAS, in Fiscal Year 2023-2024, 1,142 reports of suspected child maltreatment were assessed by Alamance County Child Protective Services; and

WHEREAS, children are vital to our state's future success, prosperity, and quality of life as well as being our most vulnerable assets; and

WHEREAS, all children deserve to have safe, stable, nurturing homes and communities they need to foster their healthy growth and development; and

WHEREAS, preventing child abuse and neglect is a community responsibility affecting both the current and future quality of life of a community; and

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

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention strategies succeed because of partnerships created among residents, human service agencies, schools, faith communities, health care providers, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; 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 promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment; and

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

NOW THEREFORE, we, the Alamance County Board of Commissioners do hereby recognize the month of April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month in the County of Alamance and urge all residents, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, elected leaders, and businesses to join in the support of creating healthy families, and taking a stand against the abuse of our community's children.

Signed this 7th day of April 2025

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John Paisley Jr., Chairman

Attest:

Tory Frink, Clerk to the Board