REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE:	March 16, 2016
SUBJECT:	Proclamation - Child Abuse Prevention Month
PRESENTER:	Jerrie McFalls, Interim Director
ATTACHMENTS:	Yes 1. Resolution

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

The Department of Social Services has requested the Board of Commissioners adopt a Proclamation, designating April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Henderson County.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to review the attached Proclamation, and adopt it as presented.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

I move that the Board adopt the attached Proclamation, proclaiming April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Henderson County.

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PROCLAMATION

DESIGNATING APRIL AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

- **WHEREAS**, children are vital to our county'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 and healthy homes and communities that foster their well-being; and,
- **WHEREAS,** child abuse and neglect is a public responsibility affecting both the current and future quality of life of a state; and,
- **WHEREAS**, parents need support and resources to cope with stress and nurture their children to grow to their full potential; and,
- WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention strategies succeed because of partnerships created among citizens, human service agencies, schools, faith communities, health care providers, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies and the business community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that we, the Henderson County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, and calls upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, elected leaders and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in which we live.

Adopted this the 16th day of March, 2016.

THOMAS H. THOMPSON, CHAIRMAN HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

TERESA L. WILSON, CLERK TO THE BOARD