

**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

**HENDERSON COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MEETING DATE:** April 5, 2021  
**SUBJECT:** Proclamation - Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month  
**PRESENTER:** Jerrie McFalls, Director  
**ATTACHMENTS:** Yes  
1. Proclamation

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

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

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

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

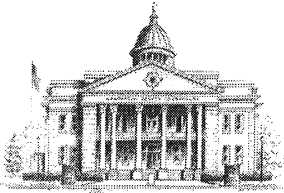
**SUGGESTED MOTION:**

*I move that the Board adopt the attached Proclamation, designating April as Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month in Henderson County.*

# Henderson County Board of Commissioners

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## PROCLAMATION

### DESIGNATING APRIL AS CHLD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION MONTH

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

**WHEREAS**, our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future of Henderson County, and

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

**WHEREAS**, protective factors are conditions that reduce or eliminate risk and promote the social, emotional, and developmental well-being of children; and

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

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

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Henderson County Board of Commissioners, at their meeting on April 5, 2021 does hereby designate the month of April as Child Abuse and Neglect 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

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**WILLIAM G. LAPSLEY, CHAIRMAN**  
HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

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TERESA L. WILSON, CLERK TO THE BOARD