

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

**HENDERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

MEETING DATE: March 15, 2023

SUBJECT: **Proclamation – Child Abuse Prevention Month and
Week of the Young Child**

PRESENTER: Susan Huter, LISW, LCSW, Program Director

ATTACHMENTS: Yes
1) Proclamation

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

The Board has received a request from Safelight to proclaim April 2023 as Child Abuse Prevention and Week of the Young Child Month in Henderson County. The attached proclamation sets aside April 2023 as Child Abuse Prevention Month and Week of the Young Child month in Henderson County.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to adopt the attached Proclamation as presented.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

I move that the Board adopt the attached Proclamation designating the month of April 2023 as Child Abuse Prevention and Week of the Young Child month in Henderson County.

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CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH AND WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD PROCLAMATION

Whereas, while children are vital to our state's future success, prosperity, and quality of life, they are also our most vulnerable members of society,

Whereas, all children deserve to have the safe, stable, nurturing homes and communities to foster their healthy growth and development,

Whereas, child abuse and neglect is a serious problem affecting every segment of our community, as well as both the current and future quality of life of our community,

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

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,

Whereas, in 1971 The Week of the Young Child™ was established by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the world's largest early childhood education association,

Whereas, communities that provide parents with the social support, knowledge of parenting and child development, and the concrete resources they need to cope with stress and nurture their children are able to foster all children growing to their full potential,

NOW THEREFORE, We, the Henderson County Board of Commissioners along with Safelight and other youth-serving agencies of Henderson County, are collaborating for public attention to focus on child abuse and ways to improve opportunities for our children and their families. Therefore, we hereby proclaim April as Child Abuse Prevention Month and Week of the Young Child and call upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, elected leaders, and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to support families, thereby supporting early childhood programs and preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in which we live.

Adopted this 15th day of March 2023.

REBECCA MCCALL, CHAIRMAN
HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DENISA A. LAUFFER, CLERK TO THE BOARD