

Proclamation

Whereas, today's children represent tomorrow's leaders and XXX County remains steadfast in its commitment to ensuring the safety and security of our children, families and communities; and

Whereas, of paramount concern to all are the problems of child abuse, neglect and maltreatment, which endanger vulnerable young lives; and

Whereas, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among families, the child advocacy center, social service agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and

Whereas, we acknowledge that we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and how we can prevent it, because prevention remains the best defense for our children; and

Whereas, all citizens of XXX County share a responsibility in preventing child abuse through diligent reporting of suspected cases of child neglect and maltreatment; and

Whereas, National Child Abuse Prevention Month, observed throughout the nation each April, provides a time to raise awareness about child abuse and neglect and to encourage individuals and communities to support children and families.

Now, Therefore, we do hereby proclaim April, 2018, as

**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH
IN XXXX COUNTY**