

Kent County Maryland Proclamation

Child Abuse Prevention Month - April 2020

- WHEREAS,** preventing child abuse and neglect is a community problem that depends on involvement throughout the community; and
- WHEREAS,** the majority of child abuse cases stem from situations and conditions that are preventable in an engaged and supportive community; and
- WHEREAS,** child abuse and neglect not only directly harm children, but also increases the likelihood of criminal behavior, substance abuse, and health problems; and
- WHEREAS,** all citizens should be supportive of families raising their children in a safe, nurturing environment; and
- WHEREAS,** effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and urge these associations and organizations to increase their participation in the efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and neglect.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Kent County do hereby recognize April as **Child Abuse Prevention Month** and call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.

THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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