

Of

Child Abuse Prevention Month

WHEREAS, the problem of child abuse and neglect affects many of Buncombe County's children and has reached epidemic proportions in North Carolina with over 125,000 children reported abused or neglect last year; and

WHEREAS, last year the Buncombe County Department of Social Services received 2,362 reports of child abuse and neglect including 3,985 children; and

WHEREAS, preventing child abuse and neglect is the responsibility of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, every child has a right to a safe, healthy, nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, community action is needed to help prevent child abuse so all children can have the opportunity to reach their potential; and

WHEREAS, it is vital that we join forces with the Child Protection Team of Buncombe County and Child Abuse Prevention Services, Inc. to reach out to parents and children to prevent child abuse and neglect and to strengthen and assist families and children who have experienced abuse.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. That the month of April 2013 be proclaimed:

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

in Buncombe County.

2. That this Board does hereby call upon every citizen to join the child protection organizations, groups, and individuals in observance of the month with appropriate programs and activities.
3. That this proclamation be effective upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this the 2nd day of April 2013

Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe

By: _____
David Gantt, Chairman