

PROCLAMATION

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 100,000 children reported abused or neglected last year; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, the Buncombe County Department of Social Services assessed that there were 1011 children found in need of services; and

WHEREAS, the effects of child abuse are felt by the entire community and the need must be addressed by the entire community; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect know no social or economic boundaries and preventing child abuse and neglect is the responsibility of every citizen, and community action and involvement are essential to breaking the cycle of abuse; and

WHEREAS, all citizens should become more aware of the negative effects of child abuse within the community, and become actively involved in its prevention and in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment.

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

1. That the month of April, 2006 be proclaimed:

"CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH"

in Buncombe County.

2. That this Board calls upon every citizen to join the 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 21st day of March, 2006.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE
COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE**

BY: _____
NATHAN RAMSEY, CHAIRMAN