

# FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: April 2, 2020

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 2

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2020 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH IN FORSYTH COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION OR COMMENTS:

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION: See Attached

ATTACHMENTS:  YES  NO

March 31, 2020

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY MANAGER

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2020 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION  
MONTH IN FORSYTH COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

**WHEREAS**, in Federal fiscal year 2018, 3,534,000 million reports were made to child protective service agencies across the country;

**WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect is a serious problem affecting every segment of our community, and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone in our community;

**WHEREAS**, our children are our most valuable resource and will shape the future of the world and Forsyth County;

**WHEREAS**, child abuse can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that have lasting consequences for victims of abuse;

**WHEREAS**, protective factors are conditions that reduce or eliminate risk and promote the social, emotional, and developmental well-being of children;

**WHEREAS**, effective child abuse prevention strategies succeed because of the partnerships created between child welfare, education, health care, community, faith-based organizations, businesses and law enforcement agencies;

**WHEREAS**, communities must make every effort to promote programs and activities that create strong and thriving children and families;

**WHEREAS**, we acknowledge that we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and collectively advocate for the social, emotional and well-being needs of children and families to thrive in safe, stable, and nurturing environments;

**WHEREAS**, prevention services, community wide education and proactive partnerships are productive strategies to address child abuse in our community;

**WHEREAS**, within Forsyth County, there are active partnerships between several community partners to proactively address child abuse including, the Forsyth County Department of Social Services and Public Health, the Parenting Path, the Guardian ad Litem program, Family Services, Wake Forest Baptist Hospital, Novant Hospital, Cardinal Innovations, the Winston-Salem Forsyth County School System, the Forsyth County Sherriff's Office, the Winston-Salem Police Department, the Forsyth County District Attorney's Office, which all comprise the Community Child Protection Team and the Child Fatality Prevention Team in Forsyth County;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes the month of April 2020 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Forsyth County and encourages all citizens, community agencies, faith-based groups, and medical facilities to increase participation in the efforts of the Forsyth County Department of Social Services to prevent child maltreatment and strengthen the communities in which we live.

Adopted this 2nd day of April, 2020.