



# City of Cleveland, Georgia

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, children play a vital role in Georgia’s future success, prosperity, and overall well-being. While they are our greatest gifts, they are also among our most vulnerable. Every child deserves a safe and healthy environment that allows them to thrive, learn, and grow; and

**WHEREAS**, child abuse can be prevented by supporting and strengthening families across Georgia, reducing the long-term effects of maltreatment, and creating opportunities for children to develop healthy, trusting relationships that form the foundation of strong communities; and

**WHEREAS**, intervening effectively in the lives of children at risk of abuse is a shared responsibility, and the citizens of Georgia must work together to ensure that communities continue extending care and support to children and families in need; and

**WHEREAS**, successful child abuse prevention efforts rely on strong partnerships with citizens, state and local governments, human service and family support agencies, schools, faith communities, law enforcement, and health care providers; and

**WHEREAS**, by fostering safe, stable, and nurturing environments, free of violence, abuse, and neglect, we can ensure that Georgia’s children will grow as the next generation of leaders, securing the future of this state and our nation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and City Council of Cleveland, Georgia, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2026 as:

## CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

in Cleveland, Georgia and call upon the people of Cleveland to recognize this observance, support efforts that protect children, and work together to foster safe, caring and resilient communities where every child is valued and given the chance to succeed.

**SO RESOLVED** this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026

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Josh Turner Mayor

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Jeremy McClure Council Member District 3

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Nan Bowen Council Member District 1 Mayor Pro Tem

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C.J. McDonald Council Member District 4

ATTEST:

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Annie Sutton Council Member District 2

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Lisa A. Ritchie City Clerk

